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AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF MEDICAL DEBT. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Cost

The amendment requires the Office of the Healthcare Advocate (OHA) to create a one-page notice to be used to inform consumers of their rights concerning the reporting of medical debt, which must be available in English and six other languages. This results in a one-time Insurance Fund cost to OHA in FY 25, anticipated to be less than \$1,500, for translation services.

The amendment creates a new unfair trade practice violation resulting in a potential cost to the Department of Consumer Protection for additional personnel depending on how many complaints are received and how many investigations are required.

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