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SENATE BILL NO. 127

Introduced by: Senators Dempster, Brown, Duenwald, Ham-Burr, and Sutton (Dan) and
Representatives Rave, Cutler, Heineman, and Williamson

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require certain health care facilities to provide prices for
2 certain procedures and tests.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 34-12E be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 Any health care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 34-12 shall maintain a price list of the
7 twenty-five most common inpatient and outpatient procedures and tests rendered by the facility.
8 For any inpatient service, the price list shall include a per diem bed charge and an average
9 charge for all ancillary charges. If the per diem bed charge includes all ancillary charges for a
10 procedure, no further information is required. The price list may include a disclaimer regarding
11 changes or other factors that may affect actual charges for services rendered.

12 Any health care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 34-12 shall also maintain a price list
13 of the twenty-five procedures and tests that yield the most in gross receipts each year. The price
14 list may include a disclaimer regarding changes or other factors that may affect actual charges
15 for services rendered.



1 The facility shall distribute the price lists on a publicly accessible site on the internet. Upon
2 request by a consumer, the facility shall provide the price lists by first class mail or electronic
3 mail, as requested.

4 Section 2. For the purposes of this Act, the term, price, is that amount that a facility would
5 expect to charge any patient for the procedure or test. The price shall also include the median
6 price for the procedure or test over the last twelve months.