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SENATE BILL NO. 169

Introduced by: Senators Dempster, Bartling, Duenwald, Gant, Olson (Ed), and Sutton (Dan)
and Representatives Heineman, Boomgarden, Cutler, Dykstra, Frost,
Hunhoff, Michels, Miles, and Rave

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require hospitals to report the charges for certain
2 diagnostic-related groups.

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 hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 34-12 shall report annually to the Department of
7 Health the charges for the twenty-five most common inpatient diagnostic-related groups for
8 which there are at least ten cases rendered by the hospital during the twelve months preceding
9 the report. The Department of Health shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to provide
10 for the reporting of charges by hospitals. The rules shall include:

- 11 (1) The method for hospitals to report charges to the department;
12 (2) Standards that provide for the validity and comparability of charge reports; and
13 (3) The format for making charge reports available to the public.

14 Section 2. That chapter 34-12E be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
15 follows:



1 The Department of Health shall make available the hospital charge reports required by
2 section 1 of this Act on its web site. The charge reports shall include disclaimers regarding
3 factors, including case severity ratings and individual patient variations, which may affect actual
4 charges to a patient for services rendered. Upon request, the department shall provide the charge
5 reports by first class mail.

6 Section 3. That chapter 34-12E be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
7 follows:

8 For the purposes of this Act, the term, charge, is that amount that a hospital would expect
9 to charge for an inpatient diagnostic-related group. Any charge that is required by this Act to be
10 reported to the public shall be the median charge for all cases of the diagnostic-related group
11 occurring in the twelve months preceding the report.