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Sponsor(s) Ruane & 21 others

Date Introduced March 25, 1974

Committee: Assembly Commerce, Industry & Professions

Senate Labor, Industry & Professions

Amended during passage Yes Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

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Sponsor statement No

Committee Statement: Assembly No

Senate Yes

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1343

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 25, 1974

By Assemblymen RUANE, CODEY, DEVERIN, HAWKINS, NERI, GARRUBBO, MacINNES, PERKINS, SALKIND, HERMAN, HOLLENBECK, VISOTCKY, CONTILLO, GLADSTONE, MARINO, WORTHINGTON, KEEGAN, CALI, D'AMBROSA, GREGORIO, BROWN and ADUBATO

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Industry and Professions

AN Act prohibiting certain charges to patients by dentists for completing certain claim form in connection with certain health insurance claims ****and supplementing chapter 6 of Title 45***.*

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. No dentists and no professional service corporation engaged
2 in the practice of dentistry in this State shall charge a patient
3 ****[an extra]**** ****[**a**]** ****an extra**** fee for services rendered
4 in completing a dental claim form in connection with a health in-
5 surance policy ****[**whenever a payment has been made for these**
6 **services by the insurance company**]**. Any person violating this
7 act ***[shall be a disorderly person and]** shall be subject to a fine
8 of ****[\$25.00]**** ****\$100.00**** for each offense.

9 ****Such penalty shall be collected and enforced by summary**
10 **proceedings pursuant to the Penalty Enforcement Law (N. J. S.**
11 **2A:58-1 et seq.). Every county district court and municipal court**
12 **shall have jurisdiction within its territory of such proceedings.**
13 **Process shall be either in the nature of a summons or warrant and**
14 **shall issue in the name of the State, upon the complaint of the**
15 *****[Attorney General or any other person.***]** *****New Jersey**
16 **State Board of Dentistry, as plaintiff.*****

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

SENATE LABOR, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1343

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 1974

This bill provides that no dentist or professional service corporation engaging in the practice of dentistry shall charge a person an extra fee for services rendered in completing a dental claim form in connection with a health insurance policy.

The bill was amended in the General Assembly to eliminate from the penalty that a violator shall be a disorderly person.

The bill was amended in the Senate committee to increase the fine from \$25.00 to \$100.00 and to provide for collection of the fine by summary proceedings.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

January 5, 1976

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1343 (2nd OCR)

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14(b) of the Constitution, I hereby return Assembly Bill No. 1343 (2nd OCR), with my objections, for reconsideration.

Assembly Bill 1343 (2nd OCR) prohibits a dentist or professional service corporation practicing dentistry from charging an extra fee for completing a dental claim form under a health insurance policy. Violators would be subject to a fine of \$100.00 per offense. Fines would be collected pursuant to the Penalty Enforcement Act upon complaint by the Attorney General or any other person.

I am in accord with the purpose and intent of this bill. However, the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry is the governmental entity charged with overseeing and maintaining professional discipline for dentists, dental clinics and professional service corporations practicing dentistry. It is, therefore, most appropriate that this body have jurisdiction to investigate claims, issue complaints and collect fines for violations of this billing prohibition.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 1343 (2nd OCR) for reconsideration and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 1, Title: After "insurance claims" insert "and supplementing
Chapter 6 of Title 45"

Page 1, Section 1, Line 15: Delete "Attorney General or any other
person" insert "New Jersey State Board
of Dentistry, as plaintiff"

Respectfully,

/s/ Brendan Byrne

GOVERNOR

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Attest:

/s/ Charles C. Carella

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR