



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 482**

LCO No. 497



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
SEN. ANWAR, 3rd Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require the Healthcare
- 2 Advocate to develop an online hospital financial assistance portal for
- 3 patients and their family members, (2) allow the Healthcare Advocate
- 4 to post information regarding the state's medical debt erasure initiative
- 5 on the Office of the Healthcare Advocate's Internet web site, and (3)
- 6 require each hospital that maintains a financial assistance program to
- 7 provide the Healthcare Advocate with the link to the Internet web site
- 8 relating to such program, if applicable.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To promote the awareness and use of hospital financial assistance programs and the state's medical debt erasure initiative.