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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE

Introduced By: Representative Matthew S. Dawson

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 9-19 of the General Laws entitled "Evidence" is hereby amended by

2   adding thereto the following section:

3   **9-19-45. Fair and reasonable charge for medical and healthcare services in all civil**

4   **actions.**

5   In all civil actions now or hereafter pending in any court, agency, arbitration forum, or

6   other tribunal based upon a cause of action for injury or for wrongful death, including causes of

7   action based upon medical, dental, or professional malpractice, the fair and reasonable charge for

8   medical, hospital, therapeutic, and other healthcare services shall be the amount billed by the

9   licensed healthcare provider. The amount paid to the licensed healthcare provider by any health,

10   accident or disability insurer, any state or federal health insurance or disability program, any

11   medical payments or personal injury protection insurance, or any workers' compensation benefits,

12   and the acceptance thereof by the licensed healthcare provider in full satisfaction of the amount

13   billed, shall be inadmissible as evidence of the fair and reasonable charge for such services.

14   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This act would provide that for purposes of all civil actions, the fair and reasonable charge

2   for certain medical and dental services is the amount billed by the licensed healthcare provider.

3   This act would take effect upon passage.

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