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**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

SECTION 1. Title 5 of the General Laws entitled "BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS"

is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 37.9

PATIENT PAYMENT INFORMATION

**5-37.9-1. Patient payment information -- Requiring electronic payment information prohibited.**

(a) No healthcare provider, as defined in § 5-37.3-12, shall require a patient to provide bank account information, a credit card number, a debit card number or any other form of electronic payment to be kept on file with the healthcare provider as a prerequisite to seeing the patient for an office visit or providing any healthcare service to the patient.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be considered an unfair trade practice pursuant to chapter 13.1 of title 6 ("deceptive trade practices").

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

(1) Affect a patient's obligation to pay for healthcare services; or

(2) Prohibit a healthcare provider from requesting, collecting or storing bank, credit or debit card or other payment-related information if the patient agrees to provide such information.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would prohibit a healthcare provider from requiring patients to provide electronic
- 2   payment information to be kept on file as a condition to receiving treatment. The act would make
- 3   a violation of this section a deceptive trade practice.
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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