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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 650**
2 Offered January 20, 2012
3 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-27.5, by adding in Article 1*
4 *of Chapter 5 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-137.02, and by adding a section numbered*
5 *54.1-2910.02, relating to processing patients' health insurance claims.*
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8 Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 8.01-27.5, by adding in**
12 **Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-137.02, and by adding a section**
13 **numbered 54.1-2910.02 as follows:**
14 *§ 8.01-27.5. Civil liability for professional services.*
15 *If a hospital or physician fails to process a health insurance claim in a timely manner as required*
16 *by §§ 32.1-137.02 and 54.1-2910.02, the patient shall not be liable to the hospital or physician for any*
17 *amount in excess of what the patient would owe if the hospital or physician had properly processed the*
18 *insurance claim.*
19 *§ 32.1-137.02. Processing patient's health insurance claims.*
20 *Any hospital that treats a patient who presents proof of health insurance providing coverage within*
21 *the applicable provider network shall not refuse to process, or cause unreasonable delay in the*
22 *processing of, such patient's claims.*
23 *§ 54.1-2910.02. Processing patient's health insurance claims.*
24 *Any doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or podiatry who treats a patient who presents proof of health*
25 *insurance providing coverage within the applicable provider network shall not refuse to process, or*
26 *cause unreasonable delay in the processing of, such patient's claims.*

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