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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
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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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