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SB 432, relative to itemized bills for medical services. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Edward Butler for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The issue of how to bill for health care services so that consumers can understand the bill and the health care service provider – hospital, clinic, practitioner, private practice – can receive the necessary reimbursement for services rendered, continues to be of concern. Hospital bills, especially, are complicated and may use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes. Bills can sometimes reflect what seem to be an outlandish cost for simple procedures or components of care. The committee recommends that this bill be referred for Interim Study because the Hospital Association and the Medical Society will be conducting pilot programs to look at different models of billing, for transparency and clarity. The committee does not believe that this bill as currently constructed achieves those goals. We will follow the work of these pilot programs and determine whether further legislation can be recommended that will provide the clarity needed by consumers in billing statements.

Vote 17-2.