

House Bill 70

By: Representatives Thomas of the 65th and Lewis-Ward of the 115th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise
2 Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to require a nonparticipating provider, prior to
3 performing any healthcare services, to notify a covered person if such services will require
4 \$100.00 or more in out-of-pocket costs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing
9 Consumer Protection Act," is amended in Code Section 33-20E-4, relating to payment for
10 emergency medical services, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(g) Prior to the provision of any emergency medical services by a nonparticipating
12 provider, such provider shall notify a covered person if such services will require \$100.00
13 or more in out-of-pocket costs."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 33-20E-5, relating to payment for
16 nonemergency medical services, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

17 "(f) Prior to the provision of any nonemergency medical services by a nonparticipating
18 provider, such provider shall notify a covered person if such services will require \$100.00
19 or more in out-of-pocket costs."

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2023.

22 **SECTION 4.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.