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To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2004
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE CHARGES PERMITTED FOR
2 PHOTOCOPYING PATIENTS' RECORDS BY ANY MEDICAL PROVIDER; TO REQUIRE
3 REASONABLE CHARGES FOR DEPOSITIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any medical provider or hospital or nursing
6 home or other medical facility shall charge no more than the
7 following amounts to patients or their representatives for
8 photocopying any patient's records: Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for
9 pages one (1) through twenty (20); One Dollar (\$1.00) per page for
10 the next eighty (80) pages; Fifty Cents (50¢) per page for all
11 pages thereafter. Ten percent (10%) of the total charge may be
12 added for postage and handling. Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) may be
13 recovered by the medical provider or hospital or nursing home or
14 other medical facility for retrieving medical records in archives
15 at a location off the premises where the facility/office is
16 located.

17 (2) A physician shall only charge normal, reasonable and
18 customary charges for a deposition related to a patient that the
19 physician is treating or has treated.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2004.