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MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 481

AN ACT TO DEFINE THE ADMISSIBILITY OF MEDICAL OR HEALTH CARE EXPENSES DURING TRIAL; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 41-9-119, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR EVIDENCE OF REASONABLENESS OF MEDICAL EXPENSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to any other limitation provided by law, the admissibility during trial and the recovery of medical and health care expenses incurred by an injured party shall be limited to:

(a) The amounts actually paid by or paid on behalf of an injured party; and

(b) Any other amounts that are required to be paid by or on behalf of an injured party, but shall not include the amounts billed by a healthcare provider for any such service, if such amounts are not required to be paid by or on behalf of the injured party.

SECTION 2. Section 41-9-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:
41-9-119. Proof that medical, hospital, and doctor bills were paid or incurred because of any illness, disease, or injury shall be prima facie evidence that such bills so paid or incurred were necessary and reasonable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2017.