

By: Representatives Gipson, Monsour

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 481

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

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

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

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

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

17 **SECTION 2.** Section 41-9-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
18 brought forward as follows:



19           41-9-119. Proof that medical, hospital, and doctor bills  
20 were paid or incurred because of any illness, disease, or injury  
21 shall be prima facie evidence that such bills so paid or incurred  
22 were necessary and reasonable.

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

