

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2302  
(Senator Krebsbach)  
(Representative Keiser)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 13-01-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to late payment charges on medical or hospital bills.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 13-01-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. ~~No~~ A creditor may not charge, receive, or collect a late payment charge on medical or hospital bills, ~~except that if no payment has been made on the account within the last ninety days, a~~ during the initial ninety days following services. A late payment charge may be imposed at a rate that does not exceed one percent per month, but the charge cannot exceed twenty-five dollars per month. This subsection does not apply in cases of financial hardship as certified by the creditor.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2302.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    32        Nays    14        Absent    1

House Vote:    Yeas    85        Nays    8         Absent    1

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State