

House Bill 1238

By: Representatives Hammontree of the 4th, Bordeaux of the 151st and Davis of the 60th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 24-7-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 identification of medical bills, as to change the list of health care professionals from whom
3 bills submitted into evidence were received; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 24-7-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to identification of
8 medical bills, is amended by striking said Code section and by substituting in lieu thereof the
9 following:

10 "24-7-9.

11 (a) Upon the trial of any civil case involving injury or disease, the patient or the member
12 of his or her family or other person responsible for the care of the patient shall be a
13 competent witness to identify bills for expenses incurred in the treatment of the patient
14 upon a showing by such witness that the expenses were incurred in connection with the
15 treatment of the injury, disease, or disability involved in the subject of litigation at trial and
16 that the bills were received from:

17 (1) A hospital;

18 (2) An ambulance service;

19 (3) A pharmacy, drugstore, or supplier of therapeutic or orthopedic devices; or

20 (4) A licensed ~~practicing physician, chiropractor, dentist, orthotist, podiatrist, or~~
21 ~~psychologist~~ medical doctor, dentist, orthodontist, podiatrist, physical or occupational
22 therapist, doctor of chiropractic, psychologist, advanced practice nurse, social worker,
23 professional counselor, or marriage and family therapist.

24 (b) Such items of evidence need not be identified by the one who submits the bill, and it
25 shall not be necessary for an expert witness to testify that the charges were reasonable and

1 necessary. However, nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit the right of a
2 thorough and sifting cross-examination as to such items of evidence."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.