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SENATE BILL 13-144

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN HOSPITALS FROM THE  
102 REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING  
103 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Under current law, certain hospitals are required to make information available to patients concerning the hospital's financial assistance, charity care, and payment plans, as well as offer to screen each uninsured patient for financial assistance. The bill amends the definition

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

of "hospital" and exempts psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, and long-term acute care hospitals from the provisions of the law.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3-112, **amend** (6)  
3 as follows:

4           **25-3-112. Hospitals - charges for the uninsured - collections**  
5 **protection - charity care information.** (6) For the purposes of this  
6 section, "hospital" means a GENERAL hospital licensed pursuant to THIS  
7 part 1 of ~~article 3 of this title~~ or certified pursuant to section 25-1.5-103  
8 (1) (a) (II) THAT IS REQUIRED TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY ROOM AND THAT  
9 PROVIDES ACUTE CARE SERVICES. A "GENERAL HOSPITAL" DOES NOT MEAN  
10 A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, REHABILITATION HOSPITAL, OR LONG-TERM  
11 ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS AN  
12 EXEMPTED HOSPITAL FROM COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
13 SECTION.

14           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.