
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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T. DAVIS, SANCHEZ, SHUSTERMAN, MADDEN, ULLMAN AND MURT,
OCTOBER 21, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 21, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of evidence,
3 further providing for limit on charges.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 6152.1(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

8 § 6152.1. Limit on charges.

9 (a) Charges.--

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11 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
12 contrary, a health care provider or facility shall provide
13 without charge one complete copy of a patient's medical
14 charts and records if all of the following apply:

15 (i) The patient is a veteran, as defined in 51

16 Pa.C.S. § 7202 (relating to definitions), and is indigent

1 and homeless.

2 (ii) The medical charts and records are being
3 requested by the patient or a person presenting a valid
4 authorization for the release of the medical charts and
5 records that is signed by the patient or the patient's
6 legally authorized representative.

7 (iii) The medical charts and records are being
8 sought for the purpose of supporting a claim for Federal
9 veterans' disability benefits.

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11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.