



SENATE BILL No. 946

December 8, 1993, Introduced by Senator Priddy and
referred to the Committee on Corporations and
Economic Development

A bill to prohibit health care providers from reporting cer-
tain information to credit reporting agencies and to prescribe
penalties

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT

1 Sec 1 As used in this act

2 (a) "Credit reporting agency" means a person that regularly
3 engages in the practice of assembling or evaluating consumer
4 credit information or other information on consumers for the pur-
5 pose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties

6 (b) "Health care provider" means a person or organization
7 whose primary activity is the provision of health care to indi-
8 viduals and includes a hospital, physician, dentist, nurse, podi-
9 atrist, physician's assistant, or an organization comprised of
10 health care providers

1 (c) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
2 association, governmental entity, or other legal entity

3 Sec 2 A health care provider shall not report to a credit
4 reporting agency negative credit information relating to a pay-
5 ment made or not made for services of the provider if the payment
6 for the services is in the adjustment process or a dispute exists
7 between the provider and the consumer's insurer

8 Sec 3 A person who violates this act is guilty of a mis-
9 demeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days,
10 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000 00, or both