

B-Engrossed
Senate Bill 591

Ordered by the House June 8
Including Senate Amendments dated April 30 and House Amendments
dated June 8

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Increases maximum amounts health care provider or state health plan may charge for copying patient health records. **Authorizes bonus charge if request is processed and records are mailed by first class mail within specified time.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to charges for copying patient health records; amending ORS 192.521; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 192.521 is amended to read:

6 192.521. A health care provider or state health plan that receives an authorization to disclose
7 protected health information may charge:

8 (1)(a) No more than [~~\$25~~] **\$30** for copying 10 or fewer pages of written material, [~~and~~] no more
9 than [25] **50** cents per page for [*each additional page;*] **pages 11 through 50 and no more than 25**
10 **cents for each additional page; and**

11 (b) **A bonus charge of \$5 if the request for records is processed and the records are**
12 **mailed by first class mail to the requester within seven business days after the date of the**
13 **request;**

14 (2) Postage costs to mail copies of protected health information or an explanation or summary
15 of protected health information, if requested by an individual or a personal representative of the
16 individual; and

17 (3) Actual costs of preparing an explanation or summary of protected health information, if re-
18 quested by an individual or a personal representative of the individual.

19 **SECTION 2.** **This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
20 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
21 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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