

## HOUSE BILL No. 2598

By Representative Swenson

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9 AN ACT concerning the consumer protection act; making any adverse  
10 effect on a consumer's credit caused by a health care provider's re-  
11 porting of a consumer's failure to pay for services provided an uncon-  
12 scionable act.

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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no con-  
16 sumer's credit worthiness, credit standing or credit capacity shall be ad-  
17 versely affected by any health care provider who reports to a consumer  
18 reporting agency that the consumer has failed to pay or arrange for pay-  
19 ment of a bill for services provided by the health care provider.

20 (b) Each violation of subsection (a) by either a health care provider  
21 or a consumer reporting agency shall be deemed to be an unconscionable  
22 act within the meaning of K.S.A. 50-627, and amendments thereto, and  
23 subject to the penalties authorized under the Kansas consumer protection  
24 act, K.S.A. 50-623 et seq., and amendments thereto.

25 (c) For the purposes of this act, the term:

26 (1) "Consumer reporting agency" shall have the meaning ascribed to  
27 it in K.S.A. 50-702 and amendments thereto.

28 (2) "Health care provider" shall have the meaning ascribed to the  
29 term "provider" in K.S.A. 40-4602 and amendments thereto.

30 (d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas  
31 consumer protection act.

32 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
33 publication in the statute book.