

Hospital Liens—Filing and Notification Requirements; SB 424

SB 424 amends hospital lien filing and notification requirements to specify when filing a hospital lien in the district court, the hospital's written notice must set forth the amount of all of the hospital's claims, the name of the injured person, the date of the accident, and the name and location of the hospital. The hospital, under requirements in continuing law, must file the written notice prior to any money being paid as compensation for the injuries to the injured person, the person's attorneys or legal representatives.

The bill deletes other filing requirements from the notice to the district court, including an itemized statement of all claims, the name and address of the injured person, and the names of the parties alleged to be liable for the injuries. The bill also eliminates a provision requiring the hospital to give notice to the potentially liable party and related insurance carrier, if known. Under a requirement modified by the bill, the hospital must send a copy of the written notice to the patient if the address is known or can, with reasonable diligence, be ascertained.