

**S.B. 0195**  
**MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF**

Senator **Nate Blouin** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 9 through 18:*

9 This bill requires the Department of Workforce Services to contract with one or more  
10 medical debt relief entities for the ~~{purchase}~~ acquisition and ~~{forgiveness}~~ relief of  
medical debt.

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ defines terms;
- 14 ▶ creates the Medical Debt Relief Restricted Account;
- 15 ▶ requires the Department of Workforce Services to contract with one or more
- 16 medical debt relief entities for the ~~{purchase and forgiveness}~~ acquisition and relief of medical  
debt; and
- 17 ▶ requires the Department of Workforce Services to report to the Health and Human
- 18 Services Interim Committee on medical debts ~~{forgiven}~~ relieved .

2. *Page 2, Lines 36 through 45:*

36 (1) "Creditor" means:

37 (a) a health care provider to whom a medical debt is owed; or

38 (b) a person that has ~~{purchased}~~ acquired a medical debt once owed to a health care  
provider.

39 (2) "Health care provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
40 78B-3-403.

41 (3) "Medical debt" means a Utah resident's debt for goods or services provided by a  
42 health care provider.

43 (4) "Medical debt relief entity" means a nonprofit entity that:

44 (a) ~~{purchases}~~ acquires medical debt from creditors; and

45 (b) ~~{forgives}~~ relieves the medical debt.

3. *Page 3, Lines 60 through 66:*

60 (1) Within appropriations by the Legislature from the Medical Debt Relief Restricted  
61 Account, the department shall contract with one or more medical debt relief entities for the  
62 ~~{purchase}~~ acquisition and ~~{forgiveness}~~ relief of medical debt.

63 (2) The department shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee

64 in September of each even-numbered year on debts. {~~purchased and forgiven~~} acquired and  
relieved under Subsection  
65 (1), without disclosing information that could be used to identify individual debtors or  
66 creditors.