

HB 1540 -- Offender Health Care

Sponsor: Dixon

This bill requires offenders in the custody of the Department of Corrections to pay a \$3 fee to the department when receiving nonemergency medical, dental, or optometric services. The fee will be deducted from the offender's institutional account. Offenders found intentionally causing injury to themselves and in need of emergency medical treatment will be responsible for the entire cost of the medical care.

The bill further provides for situations in which offenders will not be charged for medical services and the department will not deny any offender emergency services due to their inability to pay the required fees.