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**STATEMENT**

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4     This bill permits a party injured in an automobile accident to recover,  
5     as part of the recovery of uncompensated economic loss, all  
6     unreimbursed medical expenses not covered by the personal inquiry  
7     protection (PIP) limits applicable to the injured party and sustained by  
8     the injured party. Beginning August 1, 2019, the bill subjects  
9     unreimbursed medical expenses in excess of the PIP limits to the  
10    automobile medical fee schedules and prohibits balance billing of any  
11    medical expenses claimed as damages and paid pursuant to the medical  
12    fee schedule. It is the intention of the Legislature that this bill entirely  
13    supplant the provisions of Senate  
14    Bill No. 2432 upon the bill's effective date for accidents occurring on  
15    or after August 1, 2019.