

April 9, 2003

H 992. DEBT SETOFF FOR HOSPITAL SERVICES. *TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT HOSPITALS TO USE THE SET-OFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT.* Amends GS 105A-2 and -5 to include public hospitals among those authorized by that chapter to use set-off debt collection procedures; that procedure generally allows covered entities to divert income tax refunds to pay debts covered by the law. Provides that hospital debts are subject to set-off if reasonable efforts to collect the debt are first used and 120 days have passed since bill was mailed. Does not allow set off if debtor is at or below 150% of federal poverty level or if bill is being appealed to third-party payer. Effective Jan. 1, 2004, for tax refunds determined on or after that date.

Intro. by Insko, Justus.

Ref. to Pensions	GS 105A
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April 30, 2003

H 992. DEBT SETOFF FOR HOSPITAL SERVICES. Intro. 4/9/03. House amendments make the following changes to 1st edition. Amend GS 105A-5(b1) by increasing period agency must wait before submitting debt to collection to 180 days (was, 120) after mailing of bill and making technical changes. Increases percentage in GS 105A-5(b1)(3) to 200% (was, 150%).