

**HB 2404-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/09/06)

Provides that a retainer health care practice may not accept periodic payment for health care services to retainer subscribers.

Authorizes a retainer practice to charge a retainer fee as consideration for being available to provide and providing primary care services to a retainer subscriber during a specified service period if the retainer health care practice deposits the fee in one or more identifiable trust accounts and distributes the fee to the retainer practice at the end of the specified service period.

Requires every retainer health care practice to maintain the following records for a period of five years, and upon request must make the following records available to the commissioner for review: (1) Forms of contracts between the retainer practice and retainer subscribers;

(2) Documents relating to the creation and maintenance of any retainer fee trust accounts;

(3) All advertising relating to the retainer practice and its services; and

(4) All records relating to retainer fees received by the retainer health care practice.