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1 A proposal to create
2 a new section in Article I of the State Constitution
3 to establish that every person is guaranteed certain
4 rights and responsibilities as a patient in a health
5 care facility in this state and to require the
6 Legislature to enact a Patients' Bill of Rights by
7 general law.

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9 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
10 Florida:

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12 A new section is added to Article I of the State
13 Constitution to read:

14 ARTICLE I

15 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

16 Patients' Bill of Rights.-

17 (a) Every person is guaranteed certain rights and
18 responsibilities as a patient in a health care facility in this
19 state. A patient is guaranteed transparency in healthcare
20 including, but not limited to, medical service, medical costs,
21 and all medical information necessary in order for the patient,
22 guardian, or designated representative of the patient to make
23 informed decisions regarding the course of treatment.

24 (b) By general law, the legislature shall prescribe and
25 adopt a Patients' Bill of Rights that, in clear and concise
26 language, sets forth a patient's rights and responsibilities and
27 a health care provider's responsibilities to provide
28 transparency in healthcare.