

S 2590

Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jun 5, 2002

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jun 5, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]

Party: Independent • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor                     | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]   | D · LA        |      | Jun 5, 2002 |
| Sen. Frist, William H. [R-TN] | R · TN        |      | Jun 5, 2002 |
| Sen. Gregg, Judd [R-NH]       | R · NH        |      | Jun 5, 2002 |

Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 5, 2002 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Jun 5, 2002)

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Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to make patient safety data privileged and confidential. Excludes such data from subpoena, discovery, disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), evidentiary use, or any credentialing or licensing situation. Permits disclosures necessary to the proper management and administration of the patient safety organization, including maintenance of a patient's medical record, in a disciplinary proceeding relating to a provider, or as needed by the Food and Drug Administration for regulatory purposes.

Authorizes the establishment of a database for non-identifiable patient safety data, consistent, if practicable, with the administrative simplification provisions of the Social Security Act.

Authorizes technical assistance, including annual meetings for patient safety organizations.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop or adopt voluntary national standards promoting the integration of health care information technology systems.

Requires the Secretary to contract for and report to Congress on a study assessing the impact of medical technologies and therapies on patient safety and benefit, health care quality and costs, as well as productivity growth.

Directs the Attorney General to survey and report to Congress on State laws and their interpretation as they relate to patient safety data peer review systems.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 5, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 5, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5053-5054)
- **Jun 5, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.