

S 3029

Patient Safety Improvement and Medical Injury Reduction Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 2, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Patient Safety Improvement and Medical Injury Reduction Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to set forth that, with certain exceptions, patient safety information shall be privileged and confidential and not subject to specified disclosures. Allows health care providers to waive such privileges. Declares that it is unlawful for any person to disclose patient safety information in violation of this Act (with specified exceptions).

Grants protection against adverse employment actions to individuals who report certain types of information to providers or patient safety organizations.

Requires the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to establish: (1) a Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety; (2) a National Patient Safety Database; and (3) a National Patient Safety Research Demonstration System.

Requires the Director to approve the process by which a patient safety organization is initially certified and recertified.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities to promote community partnerships for health care improvement among providers, with the aim of improving the quality of medical care in communities.

Requires the Secretary to develop voluntary, national standards that promote interoperability of health care information technology systems across all health care settings.

Directs the Secretary to appoint a Medical Information Technology Advisory Board.

Allows the Secretary to make grants for: (1) computerized physician order entry systems; (2) informatics systems; and (3) patient safety research.

Amends provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to classify drugs and biological devices as misbranded unless they include a unique product identifier. Directs the Secretary to issue and periodically revise regulations to require the manufacturer of such a product, or its packager or labeler, to include such information on the packaging.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 2, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 2, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9848-9849)
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