

## S 1729

### Medication Errors Reduction Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Oct 14, 2003

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Oct 14, 2003)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/1729>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Graham, Bob [D-FL]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 14, 2003

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 14, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Oct 14, 2003)

Medication Errors Reduction Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide grants to eligible hospitals and skilled nursing facilities for costs related to purchasing, leasing, developing, and implementing standardized clinical health care informatics systems designed to improve patient safety and reduce adverse events and health care complications resulting from medication errors.

Gives special consideration to eligible entities serving a large number of Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) eligible individuals. Reserves a certain percentage of grant funds for rural hospitals.

Terminates grant authority on September 30, 2013.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 14, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 14, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12544-12545)
- **Oct 14, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.