

S 2750

Access to Emergency Medical Services Act of 2006

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	R · RI		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 14, 2006
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Aug 1, 2006
Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		Sep 14, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 4, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 3875	Related bill	Oct 7, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
109 HR 2729	Related bill	Jun 17, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Access to Emergency Medical Services Act of 2006 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to deem hospitals, emergency rooms, physicians (including on-call physicians), and physicians groups that provide emergency care to uninsured individuals to be employees of the Public Health Service for purposes of any civil action that may arise due to items and services furnished.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide additional payments from the Federal Supplementary Insurance Trust Fund for physicians' services in the emergency department of a hospital or critical access hospital to a Medicare recipient.

Provides for incentive payments to hospitals that certify to the Secretary that they meet established standards for prompt admission by a hospital of individuals presenting to the emergency department that need inpatient hospital services.

Requires the Comptroller General to submit to the relevant congressional committees a report that evaluates whether such standards will achieve the stated objectives and recommends any changes.

Sets forth civil monetary penalties for filing a false certification and engaging in a pattern or practice of failing to meet established standards.

Actions Timeline

- **May 4, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 4, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4073)
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