

**S 1481**

Fair and Reliable Medical Justice Act

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 24, 2007

**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. (May 24, 2007)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/1481>

**Sponsor**

**Name:** Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]

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

**Cosponsors** (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 24, 2007
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 27, 2007

**Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2007

**Subjects & Policy Tags**

**Policy Area:**

Health

**Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2497	Identical bill	<b>May 24, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Summary** (as of May 24, 2007)

Fair and Reliable Medical Justice Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award up to ten demonstration grants to states for the development, implementation, and evaluation of alternatives to current tort litigation for resolving disputes over injuries allegedly caused by health care providers or health care organizations. Requires such states to: (1) develop such an alternative to current tort litigation; and (2) promote a reduction of health care errors by allowing for patient safety data related to such disputes to be collected and analyzed by organizations that engage in efforts to improve patient safety and the quality of health care.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 24, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 24, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6855-6856)
- **May 24, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.