

## S 1627

Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 23, 2011

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sep 23, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/1627>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 23, 2011
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 23, 2011
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Oct 31, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 23, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6562	Related bill	<b>Sep 25, 2012:</b> Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
112 HR 6352	Related bill	<b>Aug 3, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Sep 23, 2011)

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Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2011 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act with respect to distribution of additional resident positions as they affect calculation of payments for direct graduate medical education (DME) costs.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), for each of FY2013-FY2017 (and each succeeding fiscal year if additional residency positions are available to distribute), to increase the otherwise applicable resident limit for each qualifying hospital.

Requires the aggregate number of increases in the otherwise applicable resident limit to be 3,000 in each of FY2013-FY2017, of which 1,500 in each such fiscal year shall be used for full-time equivalent residents training in a shortage speciality residency program.

Specifies the process for distributing positions.

Directs the National Health Care Workforce Commission to study the physician workforce.

Directs the Comptroller General to study strategies for increasing the diversity of the health profession workforce.

## Actions Timeline

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