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### Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Mar 14, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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

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

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Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 14, 2013
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 14, 2013
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 21, 2013
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 10, 2013
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 25, 2013
Sen. Cowan, William M. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 7, 2013
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Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 13, 2013
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 18, 2013
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 11, 2013
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 10, 2013
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 4, 2014
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 10, 2014
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 17, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 14, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 1180	Related bill	<b>Apr 11, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
113 HR 1201	Related bill	<b>Apr 10, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Mar 14, 2013)

Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2013 - 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 (DGME) costs.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), for each of FY2015-FY2019 (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 FY2015-FY2019, of which 1,500 in each such fiscal year shall be used for full-time equivalent residents training in a shortage specialty residency program.

Specifies the process for distributing positions.

Declares that, for discharges occurring on or after July 1, 2015, the indirect teaching adjustment factor, with respect to additional payments for subsection (d) hospitals with indirect costs of medical education (IME), insofar as those additional payments are attributable to resident positions distributed to a hospital according to such process, shall be computed in a specified manner with respect to those resident positions.

(Generally, a subsection [d] hospital is an acute care hospital, particularly one that receives payments under Medicare's inpatient prospective payment system [IPPS] when providing covered inpatient services to eligible beneficiaries.)

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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