

## HR 990

### SAFE Hospitals Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 14, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 24, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/990>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Feb 24, 2023 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill      | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-----------|----------------|--|
| 118 S 407 | Identical bill | Feb 14, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

## **State Accountability, Flexibility, and Equity for Hospitals Act of 2023 or the SAFE Hospitals Act of 2023**

This bill alters Medicaid requirements relating to payment for inpatient hospital services that are provided by disproportionate share hospitals (DSHs). (DSHs are hospitals that receive additional payment under Medicaid for treating a large share of low-income patients.)

Among other changes, the bill requires state Medicaid programs to adopt a payment methodology that meets certain criteria, including by prioritizing payments based on the DSH tier for which the hospital qualifies; tiers are determined based on factors such as the hospital's Medicaid inpatient utilization rate.

The bill also incorporates state poverty ratios (i.e., the number of qualifying low-income individuals in a state compared to all states) into the formula for determining state DSH allotments under Medicaid. The bill phases in application of the revised formula over the course of 10 to 15 years.

### **Actions Timeline**

---

- **Feb 24, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 14, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.