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# S. 135

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve payments for direct graduate medical education under the medicare program.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2001

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Direct Graduate Med-  
5 ical Education Improvement Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLOOR FOR THE LOCALITY**  
 2 **ADJUSTED NATIONAL AVERAGE PER RESI-**  
 3 **DENT AMOUNT DURING FISCAL YEARS 2003**  
 4 **THROUGH 2006.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(h)(2)(D)(iii) of the  
 6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(2)(D)(iii)), as  
 7 amended by section 511 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and  
 8 SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000  
 9 (as enacted into law by section 1(a)(6) of Public Law 106–  
 10 554), is amended to read as follows:

11 “(iii) FLOOR FOR LOCALITY AD-  
 12 JUSTED NATIONAL AVERAGE PER RESI-  
 13 DENT AMOUNT.—

14 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The ap-  
 15 proved FTE resident amount for a  
 16 hospital for a cost reporting period be-  
 17 ginning during a fiscal year shall not  
 18 be less than the applicable percentage  
 19 of the locality adjusted national aver-  
 20 age per resident amount computed  
 21 under subparagraph (E) for the hos-  
 22 pital for that period.

23 “(II) APPLICABLE PERCENT-  
 24 AGE.—In this clause, the term ‘appli-  
 25 cable percentage’ means, in the case

1 of a cost reporting period beginning  
 2 during—

3 “(aa) fiscal year 2001, 70  
 4 percent;

5 “(bb) fiscal year 2002, 85  
 6 percent;

7 “(cc) fiscal year 2003 or  
 8 2004, 90 percent;

9 “(dd) fiscal year 2005, 95  
 10 percent; and

11 “(ee) fiscal year 2006, 100  
 12 percent.”.

13 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For each  
 14 fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 2003), there are au-  
 15 thorized to be appropriated to the Federal Hospital Insur-  
 16 ance Trust Fund established under section 1817 of the  
 17 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i) an amount equal  
 18 to the amount by which expenditures under such Trust  
 19 Fund are increased for the fiscal year by reason of the  
 20 enactment of items (cc), (dd), and (ee) of section  
 21 1886(h)(2)(D)(iii)(II) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
 22 1395ww(h)(2)(D)(iii)(II)), as added by subsection (a).

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