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H. R. 10311

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a civil monetary penalty for certain hospitals failing to comply with certain requirements where such failure immediately jeopardizes the health or safety of patients.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EDWARDS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Health Care Account-
5 ability Mission Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHING A CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY FOR**
2 **CERTAIN HOSPITALS FAILING TO COMPLY**
3 **WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS WHERE SUCH**
4 **FAILURE IMMEDIATELY JEOPARDIZES THE**
5 **HEALTH OR SAFETY OF PATIENTS.**

6 Section 1866(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1395cc(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following
8 new paragraph:

9 “(5)(A) In the case that the Secretary makes a deter-
10 mination described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of para-
11 graph (2) with respect to a specified hospital and finds
12 that the failure that is the subject of such determination
13 immediately jeopardizes the health or safety of individuals
14 receiving items and services from such hospital, the Sec-
15 retary may, in the case the Secretary has previously made
16 such a determination and finding with respect to such hos-
17 pital during the 2-year period ending on the date of the
18 determination and finding at issue, in addition to or in
19 lieu of any action authorized under paragraph (2), impose
20 a civil monetary penalty in an amount not to exceed
21 \$10,000 for each day during which such failure was ongo-
22 ing.

23 “(B) The Secretary shall make available on a public
24 website of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
25 in a centralized manner each determination described in

1 subparagraph (A) with respect to which the Secretary has
2 made a finding described in such subparagraph.

3 “(C) The provisions of section 1128A (other than
4 subsections (a) and (b) of such section) shall apply to a
5 civil monetary penalty under subparagraph (A) in the
6 same manner as such provisions apply to a penalty or pro-
7 ceeding under section 1128A(a).

8 “(D) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘speci-
9 fied hospital’ means a hospital, critical access hospital, or
10 rural emergency hospital with an agreement under this
11 section (other than such a hospital, critical access hospital,
12 or rural emergency hospital that is a nonprofit entity).”.

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