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H. R. 2174

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 1999

Mr. STARK 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 “Improvement of Medi-
5 care Accrediting Entity Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR GOVERNING BOARDS AND**
2 **COMPENSATION COMMITTEES OF MEDICARE**
3 **ACCREDITING ENTITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1865 of the Social Secu-
5 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395bb) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, subsection
7 (f),” after “subsection (b)”;

8 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “except as
9 provided in subsection (f),” after “In addition,”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(f) The previous provisions of this section shall not
13 apply to accreditation of a hospital or other provider entity
14 by any national accreditation body unless—

15 “(1) at least one-half of the membership of the
16 governing board of the body, and at least one-half
17 of the membership of the committee of the body that
18 governs compensation of its officers, is composed of
19 individuals who are members of the public approved
20 by the Secretary and who are not employed by (or
21 otherwise under contract with) the body (or any en-
22 tity accredited by the organization) or an immediate
23 family member of an individual who is so employed
24 or under contract with the body or such an entity;
25 and

1 “(2) meetings of the governing board of the
2 body are open to the public to the extent such meet-
3 ings would be required to be open to the public
4 under section 552b of title 5, United States Code,
5 if the body were an agency for purposes of such sec-
6 tion.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 subsection (a) shall apply to the composition of the gov-
9 erning board and compensation committee and meetings
10 of such board as of January 1, 2000, with respect to ac-
11 creditations occurring on or after such date.

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