

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1631

To provide for the payment of the graduate medical education of certain interns and residents under title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 1999

Mr. CONRAD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To provide for the payment of the graduate medical education of certain interns and residents under title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

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 “Graduate Medical Edu-
5 cation Fair Technical Amendment Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. GME PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN INTERNS AND RESI-**
7 **DENTS.**

8 (a) INDIRECT AND DIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION.—

9 Each limitation regarding the number of residents or in-
10 terns for which payment may be made under section 1886

1 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww) is in-
 2 creased by the number of applicable residents (as defined
 3 in subsection (b)).

4 (b) APPLICABLE RESIDENT DEFINED.—For pur-
 5 poses of this section, the term “applicable resident” means
 6 a resident or intern that—

7 (1) participated in graduate medical education
 8 at a facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

9 (2) was subsequently transferred on or after
 10 January 1, 1997, and before July 31, 1998, to a
 11 hospital and the hospital was not a Department of
 12 Veterans Affairs facility; and

13 (3) was transferred because the approved med-
 14 ical residency program in which the resident or in-
 15 tern participated would lose accreditation by the Ac-
 16 creditation Council on Graduate Medical Education
 17 if such program continued to train residents at the
 18 Department of Veterans Affairs facility.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall take effect
 21 as if included in the enactment of the Balanced
 22 Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–33; 111 Stat.
 23 251).

24 (2) RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS.—If the Secretary
 25 of Health and Human Services determines that a

1 hospital operating an approved medical residency
2 program is owed payments as a result of enactment
3 of this section, the Secretary shall make such pay-
4 ments not later than 60 days after the date of enact-
5 ment of this section.

○