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To reauthorize the Mammography Quality Standards Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DODD, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mrs. CARNAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

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 “Mammography Quality
5 Standards Reauthorization Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 354(r)(2) of
8 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263b(r)(2)) is

1 amended by striking “2002” and inserting “2007” each
2 place it appears.

3 **SEC. 3. TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE.**

4 Section 354(c) of the Public Health Service (42
5 U.S.C. 263b) is amended by redesignating paragraph (2)
6 as paragraph (3) and inserting after paragraph (1) the
7 following:

8 “(2) TEMPORARY ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFI-
9 CATE.—The Secretary may issue a temporary re-
10 newal certificate for a period not to exceed 45 days
11 to a facility seeking reaccreditation if the facility’s
12 accreditation body has issued a 45-day accreditation
13 extension for one of the following reasons:

14 “(A) The facility has met the established
15 time frames for submitting materials to the ac-
16 creditation body, but the accreditation body is
17 unable to complete the reaccreditation process
18 before the certificate expires.

19 “(B) Circumstances such as the facility ac-
20 quiring additional or replacement equipment,
21 low volume, or significant personnel changes
22 have caused the facility to be unable to meet re-
23 accreditation time frames.

24 “(C) Other unforeseen situations have
25 caused the facility to be unable to meet re-

1 accreditation timeframes, but in the opinion of
2 the accreditation body, have not compromised
3 the quality of mammography.”.

4 **SEC. 4. GAO STUDY.**

5 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
6 States shall conduct a study of the Mammography Quality
7 Standards Act (hereafter in this Act “MQSA”) to—

8 (1) evaluate the demonstration program regard-
9 ing frequency of inspections authorized under sec-
10 tion 354(g) of the Public Health Service Act, includ-
11 ing the effect of the program on compliance with
12 MQSA;

13 (2) evaluate the accessibility of mammography
14 services;

15 (3) evaluate the role of States in acting as both
16 accreditation bodies and certification bodies under
17 MQSA; and

18 (4) identify areas, if any, where the MQSA
19 could be improved to increase access to and quality
20 of mammography services for women.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not earlier than 3 years, but not later
22 than 4 years after the date of enactment of this section,
23 the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee
24 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate
25 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the

1 House of Representatives a report on the study described
2 in subsection (a).

3 **SEC. 5. INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE STUDY.**

4 (a) STUDY.—Not later than one year after the date
5 of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services shall enter into a contract with the Insti-
7 tute of Medicine for the purpose of conducting a study
8 and making recommendations regarding the following:

9 (1) Ways to encourage more radiologists to be
10 adequately trained in mammography interpretation.

11 (2) Ways to ensure enough adequately trained
12 personnel at all levels to ensure the quality and
13 availability of mammography services to women.

14 (3) Whether interventional mammography pro-
15 cedures should be subject to the requirements of the
16 MQSA.

17 (4) Ways to improve continuing medical edu-
18 cation requirements, such as including an assess-
19 ment of interpretive skills, for physicians inter-
20 preting mammograms.

21 (5) Other areas, if any, where the MQSA could
22 be improved to increase the quality of mammog-
23 raphy services for women.

24 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
25 date on which the contract is entered into under sub-

1 section (a), the Institute of Medicine shall complete the
2 study described under such subsection and submit a report
3 to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Com-
4 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the
5 Senate, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
6 the House of Representatives.

