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S. 3582

To require continued application of budget neutrality on a national basis
in calculation of the Medicare urban hospital wage floor.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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national basis in calculation of the Medicare urban hos-
pital wage floor.

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 “Safeguarding Our Hos-
5 pitals’ Futures Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUED APPLICATION OF BUDGET NEU-**
2 **TRALITY ON A NATIONAL BASIS IN CALCULA-**
3 **TION OF THE MEDICARE URBAN HOSPITAL**
4 **WAGE FLOOR.**

5 In the case of discharges occurring on or after Octo-
6 ber 1, 2008, the Secretary of Health and Human Services
7 shall continue to administer section 4410(b) of the Bal-
8 anced Budget Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww note) and
9 section 412.64(e) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations,
10 in the same manner as the Secretary administered such
11 sections for discharges occurring during fiscal year 2008
12 (through a uniform, national adjustment to the area wage
13 index).

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