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S. 588

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the Medicare caps on graduate medical education positions for States with a shortage of residents.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. BIDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Resident Physician

5 Shortage Reduction Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING THE MEDICARE CAPS ON GRADUATE**
2 **MEDICAL EDUCATION POSITIONS FOR**
3 **STATES WITH A SHORTAGE OF RESIDENTS.**

4 (a) DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.—Section
5 1886(h)(4)(F) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395ww(h)(4)(F)) is amended—

7 (1) in clause (i), by inserting “clause (iii) and”
8 after “subject to”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new
10 clause:

11 “(iii) INCREASE IN CAPS ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION POSITIONS FOR STATES WITH A SHORTAGE OF RESIDENTS.—

15 “(I) IN GENERAL.—For cost reporting periods beginning on or after the date that is 16 months after the date of enactment of the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2007, the Secretary shall increase the otherwise applicable limit on the total number of full-time equivalent residents in the field of allopathic or osteopathic medicine determined under clause (i) with respect to a qualifying hospital in an eligible State by an

1 medical resident ratio exceeds the
2 State medical resident ratio.

1 State in approved medical residency
2 training programs as of the date of
3 enactment of the Resident Physician
4 Shortage Reduction Act of 2007 to
5 the population of the State as of such
6 date, as determined by the Secretary.

7 “(VII) STATE.—In this clause,
8 the term ‘State’ means a State and
9 the District of Columbia.

10 “(VIII) CONSIDERATIONS IN DE-
11 TERMINING RESIDENT CAP IN-
12 CREASES.—In determining whether a
13 hospital is a qualifying hospital, and
14 how much of an increase in the resi-
15 dent cap a qualifying hospital shall re-
16 ceive under subclause (I), the Sec-
17 etary shall take into consideration
18 the demonstrated likelihood of the
19 hospital filling resident positions that
20 would be made available as a result of
21 such increase within the first 3 cost
22 reporting periods beginning on or
23 after the date that is 16 months after
24 the date of enactment of the Resident
25 Physician Shortage Reduction Act of

6 (b) INDIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION.—Section
7 1886(d)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1395ww(d)(5)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following new clause:

10 “(x) Clause (iii) of subsection (h)(4)(F) shall
11 apply to clause (v) in the same manner and for the
12 same period as such clause (iii) applies to clause (i)
13 of such subsection.”.