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To reimburse States and their political subdivisions for emergency medical assistance provided to illegal aliens under their custody as a result of Federal action.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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. REIMBURSEMENT OF STATES AND LOCALITIES.**

4 The Attorney General shall fully reimburse the States
5 and political subdivisions of the States for costs incurred
6 by the States and political subdivisions for emergency am-
7 balance service provided to any alien who—

1 (1) entered the United States without inspec-
2 tion or at any time or place other than as designated
3 by the Attorney General;

4 (2) is under the custody of a State or a political
5 subdivision of a State as a result of transfer or other
6 action by Federal authorities; and

7 (3) is being treated for an injury suffered while
8 crossing the international border between the United
9 States and Mexico or between the United States and
10 Canada.

11 **SEC. 2. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.**

12 Nothing in this Act requires that the alien be arrested
13 by Federal authorities before entering into the custody of
14 the State or political subdivision.

15 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General
18 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions
19 of this Act.

20 (b) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
21 Act may be construed to prevent the Attorney General
22 from seeking reimbursement from any alien described in
23 section 1 for the costs of the emergency medical services
24 provided to the alien.

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