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# S. 2828

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2000

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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 “Geographic Adjust-  
5 ment Fairness Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT THAT THE ACTUAL PROPORTION OF**  
2 **A HOSPITAL'S COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO**  
3 **WAGES AND WAGE-RELATED COSTS BE WAGE**  
4 **ADJUSTED.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The first sentence of section  
6 1886(d)(3)(E) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7 1395ww(d)(3)(E)) is amended by striking “, (as estimated  
8 by the Secretary from time to time) of hospitals’ costs”  
9 and inserting “of each hospital’s costs (based on the most  
10 recent data available to the Secretary with respect to the  
11 hospital)”.

12 (b) **SPECIAL RULE FOR HOSPITALS LOCATED IN**  
13 **PUERTO RICO.**—Section 1886(d)(3)(E) of the Social Se-  
14 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(3)(E)) is amended by  
15 adding at the end the following new sentence: “In the case  
16 of a hospital located in Puerto Rico, the first sentence of  
17 this subparagraph shall be applied as in effect on the day  
18 before the date of enactment of the Geographic Adjust-  
19 ment Fairness Act of 2000.”.

20 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
21 this section shall apply with respect to discharges occur-  
22 ring on or after January 1, 2001.

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