

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 3161

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 5 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. HATCH 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 “Blood Safety Improve-  
5 ment Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDPAC STUDY ON COSTS OF BLOOD SAFETY IM-**  
7 **PROVEMENTS.**

8 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Medicare Payment Advi-  
10 sory Commission established under section 1805 of the So-

1 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395b–6) (in this section re-  
2 ferred to as “MedPAC”) shall submit to the Committee  
3 on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and  
4 the Committee on Finance of the Senate a report on the  
5 costs of blood safety improvements that includes—

6 (1) an analysis of—

7 (A) the increased costs incurred by hos-  
8 pitals in providing inpatient hospital services  
9 under the medicare program under title XVIII  
10 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et  
11 seq.) during the period beginning on October 1,  
12 1983, and ending on September 30, 1999, that  
13 are attributable to the adoption of new blood  
14 safety measures and technologies; and

15 (B) the extent to which the prospective  
16 payment system established under section  
17 1886(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d))  
18 provides adequate and timely recognition of  
19 such increased costs;

20 (2) an analysis of the prospects for (and to the  
21 extent practicable, the magnitude of) future cost in-  
22 creases in providing such services that are attrib-  
23 utable to new blood safety measures and tech-  
24 nologies (such as viral or pathogen inactivation) dur-  
25 ing the next 10 years;

1           (3) an evaluation of the feasibility and desir-  
2           ability of establishing mechanisms under such pay-  
3           ment system to provide for more timely and accurate  
4           recognition of the costs of such blood safety meas-  
5           ures and technologies; and

6           (4) if MedPAC concludes that such mechanisms  
7           are feasible and desirable, recommendations for any  
8           changes in law that may be necessary to implement  
9           such mechanisms.

10          (b) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report sub-  
11          mitted under subsection (a), MedPAC shall consult with  
12          representatives of the blood community (including hos-  
13          pitals, organizations involved in the collection, processing,  
14          and delivery of blood, and organizations involved in the  
15          development of new blood safety technologies).

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