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S. 1879

To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Mammography Quality
5 Standards Reauthorization Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY RENEWAL AND LIMITED PROVISIONAL**
7 **CERTIFICATE.**

8 Section 354 of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 263b) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

3 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
4 by inserting “or a temporary renewal cer-
5 tificate” after “certificate”; and

6 (ii) in clause (i), by striking “sub-
7 section (c)(1)” and inserting “paragraphs
8 (1) or (2) of subsection (c)”;

9 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

10 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
11 by inserting “or a limited provisional cer-
12 tificate” after “certificate”; and

13 (ii) in clause (i), by striking “sub-
14 section (c)(2)” and inserting “paragraphs
15 (3) and (4) of subsection (c)”;

16 (C) in the flush matter at the end, by
17 striking “provisional certificate” and inserting
18 “temporary renewal certificate, provisional cer-
19 tificate, or a limited provisional certificate”;
20 and

21 (2) in subsection (c)—

22 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
23 paragraph (4); and

24 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
25 following:

1 “(2) TEMPORARY RENEWAL CERTIFICATE.—

2 The Secretary may issue a temporary renewal cer-
3 tificate, for a period of not to exceed 45 days, to a
4 facility seeking reaccreditation if the accreditation
5 body has issued an accreditation extension, for a pe-
6 riod of not to exceed 45 days, for any of the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(A) The facility has submitted the re-
9 quired materials to the accreditation body with-
10 in the established time frames for the submis-
11 sion of such materials but the accreditation
12 body is unable to complete the reaccreditation
13 process before the certification expires.

14 “(B) The facility has acquired additional
15 or replacement equipment, or has had signifi-
16 cant personnel changes or other unforeseen sit-
17 uations that have caused the facility to be un-
18 able to meet reaccreditation timeframes, but in
19 the opinion of the accreditation body have not
20 compromised the quality of mammography.

21 “(3) LIMITED PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE.—

22 The Secretary may, upon the request of an accredi-
23 tation body, issue a limited provisional certificate to
24 an entity to enable the entity to conduct examina-
25 tions for educational purposes while an onsite visit

1 from an accreditation body is in progress. Such cer-
2 tificate shall be valid only during the time the site
3 visit team from the accreditation body is physically
4 in the facility, and in no case shall be valid for
5 longer than 72 hours. The issuance of a certificate
6 under this paragraph, shall not preclude the entity
7 from qualifying for a provisional certificate under
8 paragraph (4).”.

9 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 354(r)(2) of
11 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263b(r)(2)(A)
12 and (B)) are amended by striking “2002” each place it
13 appears and inserting “2005”.

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