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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

#### FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. CORZINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## A BILL

- To ensure that commercial insurers cannot engage in price fixing, bid rigging, or market allocations to the detriment of competition and consumers.
  - 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 "Medical Malpractice

5 Insurance Antitrust Act of 2003".

## 6 SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ANTI-COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES.

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing
8 in the Act of March 9, 1945 (15 U.S.C. 1011 et seq., com9 monly known as the "McCarran-Ferguson Act") shall be

construed to permit commercial insurers to engage in any
 form of price fixing, bid rigging, or market allocations in
 connection with the conduct of the business of providing
 medical malpractice insurance.

# 5 SEC. 3. APPLICATION TO ACTIVITIES OF STATE COMMIS6 SIONS OF INSURANCE AND OTHER STATE IN7 SURANCE REGULATORY BODIES.

8 This Act does not apply to the information gathering 9 and rate setting activities of any State commissions of in-10 surance, or any other State regulatory body with authority 11 to set insurance rates.

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