

109TH CONGRESS
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S. 3795

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2006

Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BURR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Access to Medicare
5 Imaging Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN MEDICARE**
2 **PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REDUCTIONS FOR IM-**
3 **AGING SERVICES.**

4 (a) MORATORIUM.—Subsections (b)(4)(A) and
5 (c)(2)(B)(v)(II) of section 1848 of the Social Security Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4), as added by section 5102(b) of the
7 Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, are each amended by strik-
8 ing “2007” and inserting “2009”.

9 (b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON IMAGING SERVICES
10 FURNISHED UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.—

11 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
12 United States shall conduct a comprehensive study
13 on imaging services furnished under the Medicare
14 program.

15 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-
17 eral shall submit to Congress and the Secretary of
18 Health and Human Services a report on the findings
19 and conclusions of the study conducted under para-
20 graph (1) together with recommendations for such
21 legislation and administrative actions as the Comp-
22 troller General considers appropriate.

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