



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5329**

LCO No. 1488

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT RATES TO PHYSICIANS WHO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES TO MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 17b-239 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2010*):

4 (e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
5 the provisions of chapter 54, establishing criteria for defining  
6 emergency and nonemergency visits to hospital emergency rooms. All  
7 nonemergency visits to hospital emergency rooms shall be paid at the  
8 hospital's outpatient clinic services rate. The rate paid by the  
9 commissioner to any emergency room physician who is not an  
10 employee of the hospital and who provides professional services to a  
11 Medicaid beneficiary in the emergency room of a hospital, who is  
12 thereafter admitted to such hospital, shall be separate and distinct  
13 from the rate provided to such hospital for the provision of services.  
14 Nothing contained in this subsection or the regulations adopted  
15 hereunder shall authorize a payment by the state for such services to

16 any hospital in excess of the charges made by such hospital for  
17 comparable services to the general public.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2010	17b-239(e)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require separate reimbursement rates for emergency room physicians who provide services to Medicaid recipients.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*