



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5329**

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**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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  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 an emergency room physician who (1) provides  
10 professional services to a Medicaid beneficiary in the emergency room  
11 of a hospital, and (2) does not receive a salary or subsidy to provide  
12 such services in such hospital, shall be separate and distinct from the  
13 rate provided to such hospital for the provision of services. Nothing  
14 contained in this subsection or the regulations adopted hereunder shall  
15 authorize a payment by the state for such services to any hospital in  
16 excess of the charges made by such hospital for comparable services to  
17 the general public.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	17b-239(e)
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**HS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*