

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5140

To provide for a Federal program to stabilize medical malpractice insurance premiums.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2002

Mr. PALLONE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Federal Medical Mal-  
5 practice Insurance Stabilization Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL PROGRAM TO STABILIZE MEDICAL MAL-**  
7 **PRACTICE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and  
9 Human Services shall establish and oversee a program  
10 under which insurance companies and other underwriters

1 offering medical malpractice insurance coverage in the  
2 United States reinsure all claims in excess of \$250,000  
3 through automatic reinsurance from a national fund that  
4 would be available to such companies and underwriters in  
5 order to provide stability in the market for medical mal-  
6 practice insurance coverage.

7 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary shall  
8 establish the terms and conditions of such a program, in-  
9 cluding the premium amount to be charged for such rein-  
10 surance.

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