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S. 725

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 5, 2011

Mr. ISAKSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Safe Needle
3 Disposal Coverage Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF CONTAINMENT, REMOVAL, DECON-**
5 **TAMINATION AND DISPOSAL OF HOME-GEN-**
6 **ERATED NEEDLES, SYRINGES, AND OTHER**
7 **SHARPS THROUGH A SHARPS CONTAINER,**
8 **DECONTAMINATION/DESTRUCTION DEVICE,**
9 **OR SHARPS-BY-MAIL PROGRAM OR SIMILAR**
10 **PROGRAM UNDER MEDICARE PART D.**

11 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1860D–2(e)(1)(B) of the
12 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–102(e)(1)(B)) is
13 amended by inserting after “regulations of the Secretary”
14 the following: “and including devices approved for home
15 use by the Food and Drug Administration for the safe
16 and effective containment, removal, decontamination and
17 disposal of home-generated needles, syringes, and other
18 sharps through a sharps container, decontamination/de-
19 struction device, or sharps-by-mail program or similar pro-
20 gram”.

21 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

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