

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to enact the Resident Physician
Shortage Reduction Act of 2007. (BDR R-1383)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **[omitted-material]** is material to be omitted.

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Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2007.

1 WHEREAS, The Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of
2 2007 was recently introduced in Congress as a tool to help states
3 whose physician to population ratios are below that of the national
4 median; and

5 WHEREAS, The intent of this legislation is to increase the
6 number of residency positions for which Medicare payments will be
7 made to teaching hospitals in states with a shortage of resident
8 physicians; and

9 WHEREAS, Increasing the number of resident physicians in
10 states is an important step towards ensuring an adequate supply of
11 physicians in the health care system; and

12 WHEREAS, As a result of this legislation, teaching hospitals in
13 approximately 24 states would be eligible for an increase in their
14 resident cap, including Nevada which currently has 199 physicians
15 in training and is estimated to be eligible for an additional 93
16 positions; and

17 WHEREAS, As one of the fastest growing states in the nation,
18 and with a ranking of 43rd in the nation in physicians per 100,000
19 residents, it is critical to the residents of Nevada that the shortage of
20 physicians be remedied; and

21 WHEREAS, It is the belief of the Nevada Legislature that the
22 Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act is an important first step



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1 that will help meet Nevada's and the nation's need for future
2 physician services; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
4 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the Nevada Legislature
5 hereby express their support for passage of the Resident Physician
6 Shortage Reduction Act of 2007; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature will continue to do all
8 things possible to make Nevada a desirable location for the
9 physicians who choose to practice here; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
11 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
12 States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding
13 officer of the United States Senate, the Secretary of Health and
14 Human Services and each member of the Nevada Congressional
15 Delegation; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
17 passage.

