

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1862

A RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States to continue the current federal moratorium on specialty hospitals.

WHEREAS, Provisions of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) called for an 18-month moratorium on new specialty hospitals, while the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) study related issues; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has seen more growth in the number of specialty hospitals compared to neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, MedPAC has defined criteria that categorizes a specialty hospital as one that receives at least 45% of its Medicare cases in cardiac, orthopedic, or surgical services or at least 66% of its Medicare cases in two of these categories; and

WHEREAS, The Senate Committee on Health Care Strategies held numerous hearings this 2005 session on the issue of specialty hospitals and concluded that the Kansas legislature needs to study the issue in more detail, including possible changes to the Kansas hospital licensure law; and

WHEREAS, MedPAC has unanimously endorsed the extension of the current federal moratorium on specialty hospitals: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Senate memorializes the Congress of the United States to support the recommendations and guidelines provided by the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and extend the current federal moratorium on specialty hospitals; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.

Senate Resolution No. 1862 was sponsored by Committee on Health Care Strategies.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*