## **AMENDMENT**

Offered by ${f M}$ .
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Add at the end of subtitle B the following:

1	SEC.	. CMS	<b>INDEPENDENT</b>	ASSESSMENT.
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- 2 The provisions of this subtitle, subtitle C, and section
- 3 103 (including amendments made by such provisions)
- 4 shall not take affect until such date that the Centers for
- 5 Medicare & Medicaid Services conduct an independent as-
- 6 sessment on how such provisions will affect hospitals
- 7 which demonstrates that such provisions will not result in
- 8 hospital closures or bankruptcy.

