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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative López, J. offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 255-262 and insert:

(1) Each hospital that accepts Medicaid must include a voluntary inquiry on its patient admission or registration forms for the patient or the patient's representative to state or indicate whether the patient is a United States citizen or whether the patient is lawfully present in the United States or is not lawfully present in the United States. The patient or the patient's representative must be informed that answering this question is optional, both in writing accompanying the question on the registration form and verbally by a hospital

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14 representative in a language understood by the patient or the
15 patient's representative. The voluntary inquiry must be followed
16 by both written and verbal statements in a language understood
17 by the patient or the patient's representative that the response
18 will not affect the patient's care or result in a report of the
19 patient's immigration status to immigration authorities.
20 Hospital representatives need not inquire into a patient's
21 immigration status if doing so would be contrary to the American
22 Medical Association's Code of Medical Ethics.

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25 Remove lines 21-22 and insert:
26 provide for collection of patient immigration status data
27 in a voluntary manner on admission or registration forms;
28 prohibiting hospital inquiry into a patient's immigration
29 status if the inquiry would violate a specified ethic code;
30 requiring hospitals
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