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# H. R. 6966

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in calculation of the Medicare urban hospital wage floor.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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national basis in calculation of the Medicare urban hos-  
pital wage floor.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safeguarding Our Hos-  
5 pitals’ Futures Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUED APPLICATION OF BUDGET NEU-**  
2 **TRALITY ON A NATIONAL BASIS IN CALCULA-**  
3 **TION OF THE MEDICARE URBAN HOSPITAL**  
4 **WAGE FLOOR.**

5 In the case of discharges occurring on or after Octo-  
6 ber 1, 2008, the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
7 shall continue to administer section 4410(b) of the Bal-  
8 anced Budget Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww note) and  
9 section 412.64(e) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations,  
10 in the same manner as the Secretary administered such  
11 sections for discharges occurring during fiscal year 2008  
12 (through a uniform, national adjustment to the area wage  
13 index).

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