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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Berman moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 256 - 262

and insert:

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



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

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23 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 Delete line 21

26 and insert:

27 include a voluntary inquiry into the patient's
28 immigration status on