

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1037

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE DAWKINS

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 15 and 16, by striking out "in  
2 medical professional liability, further providing for punitive  
3 damages" and inserting  
4 providing for punitive damages study

5 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 19 through 23; page 2, lines 1  
6 through 26; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and  
7 inserting

8 Section 1. The act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known  
9 as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare)  
10 Act, is amended by adding a chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 13

12 PUNITIVE DAMAGES STUDY

13 Section 1301. Duty of commissioner.

14 The commissioner shall study the amount of punitive damages  
15 reported to Mcare as being paid by health care providers since  
16 March 20, 2005.

17 Section 1302. Completion of study and updates.

18 The commissioner must complete the study one year after this  
19 chapter takes effect.

20 Section 1303. Submission.

21 The study must be submitted to the following:

22 (1) The chairman and minority chairman of the Banking  
23 and Insurance Committee of the Senate.

24 (2) The chairman and minority chairman of the Insurance  
25 Committee of the House of Representatives.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.