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# S. 4056

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2006

Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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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 “Cytology Proficiency  
5       Improvement Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVISED STANDARDS FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN**  
2 **SCREENING AND EVALUATION OF**  
3 **GYNECOLOGIC CYTOLOGY PREPARATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 353(f)(4)(B)(iv) of the  
5 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263a(f)(4)(B)(iv))  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 “(iv) requirements that each clinical  
8 laboratory—

9 “(I) ensure that all individuals  
10 involved in screening and interpreting  
11 cytological preparations at the labora-  
12 tory participate annually in a con-  
13 tinuing medical education program in  
14 gynecologic cytology that—

15 “(aa) is approved by the Ac-  
16 crediting Council for Continuing  
17 Medical Education or the Amer-  
18 ican Academy of Continuing  
19 Medical Education, and

20 “(bb) provides each indi-  
21 vidual participating in the pro-  
22 gram with gynecologic cytologic  
23 preparations (in the form of ref-  
24 erenced glass slides or equivalent  
25 technologies) designed to improve  
26 the locator, recognition and inter-

1                   pretive skills of the individual,  
2                   and

3                   “(II) maintain a record of the cy-  
4                   tology continuing medical education  
5                   results of each individual involved in  
6                   screening and interpreting cytological  
7                   preparations at the laboratory.”.

8           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION; TER-  
9   MINATION OF CURRENT PROGRAM OF INDIVIDUAL PRO-  
10   FICIENCY TESTING.—

11           (1) EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION.—

12           Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amend-  
13           ment made by subsection (a) applies to gynecologic  
14           cytology services provided on or after the date that  
15           is one year after the date of the enactment of this  
16           Act, and the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
17           ices (hereafter in this subsection referred to as the  
18           “Secretary”) shall issue final regulations imple-  
19           menting such amendment not later than 270 days  
20           after such date of enactment.

21           (2) TERMINATION OF CURRENT INDIVIDUAL  
22           PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM.—As of the date of  
23           the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall termi-  
24           nate the individual proficiency testing program es-  
25           tablished pursuant to section 353(f)(4)(B)(iv) of the

1       Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
2       263a(f)(4)(B)(iv)), as in effect before the enactment  
3       of this section.

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