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S. 3290

To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to verify whether a health care provider is licensed in good standing before issuing the provider a unique health identifier, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Medical License
5 Verification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO VERIFY THAT A HEALTH CARE**
2 **PROVIDER IS LICENSED IN GOOD STANDING**
3 **BEFORE ISSUING A UNIQUE HEALTH IDENTIFI-**
4 **FIER.**

5 Section 1173(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1320d-2(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new paragraph:

8 “(3) VERIFICATION OF LICENSE IN GOOD
9 STANDING.—Not later than 30 days after the date
10 of enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary shall
11 establish and implement an automated system that
12 enables the Secretary to verify whether a person de-
13 scribed in section 1172(a)(3) who is an applicant for
14 a unique health identifier and who claims in the ap-
15 plication to be licensed in a State is actually licensed
16 in that State and that such license is in good stand-
17 ing. Such verification shall be done before providing
18 the applicant with such an identifier.”

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