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(H.R. 5, as Reported from the Subcommittee)

OFFERED BY MR. ALLEN

Section 4, add at the end the following new sub-section:

1 (e) APPLICABILITY TO SCREENING PANEL
2 STATES.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall not apply
4 in a screening panel State unless the State by law
5 expressly provides that this section shall apply in
6 that State.

7 (2) SCREENING PANEL STATE.—For purposes of
8 paragraph (1), a screening panel State is a State that,
9 as certified to Congress by the State officer responsible
10 for the regulation of insurance, has in effect a system
11 under which a claim of professional negligence against a
12 health care practitioner is, unless all parties stipulate oth-
13 erwise, first referred to a panel to identify whether the
14 claim merits compensation and to encourage resolution of
15 the claim before a civil action is carried out.