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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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OTHER	_____	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee
2 Representative Arrington offered the following:

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4 **Amendment**

5 Remove lines 255-262 and insert:

6 (1) Each hospital that accepts Medicaid must include a
7 voluntary inquiry on its patient admission or registration forms
8 for the patient or the patient's representative to state or
9 indicate whether the patient is a United States citizen or
10 lawfully present in the United States or is not lawfully present
11 in the United States. Before documenting the patient's
12 immigration status, the patient must be informed that answering
13 this question is optional, in writing, on the registration form
14 accompanying the inquiry, and orally by the hospital
15 representative providing or assisting in the completion of the
16 form. The voluntary nature of providing the information must be

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17 explained orally in the patient's primary language, which may be
18 accomplished through a competent interpreter. The inquiry must
19 be accompanied by a statement that the response will not affect
20 patient care or result in a report of the patient's immigration
21 status to immigration authorities. Hospital staff may not
22 inquire into the patient's immigration status if doing so would
23 be contrary to ethics guidelines set forth by the American
24 Medical Association.