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Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Designates the month of September as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background--brain aneurysms

A brain aneurysm is an abnormal bulging of an artery in the brain. An aneurysm can put pressure on a nerve or surrounding brain tissue. It may also rupture, causing bleeding into the brain. This can result in a hemorrhagic stroke, brain damage, or death.¹

Approximately 2% of Americans will develop a brain aneurysm at some time.² Brain aneurysms most commonly occur in individuals 35 to 60 years of age. Women are slightly more likely to develop a brain aneurysm than men.³

The bill

The bill designates the month of September as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month." The bill states that its purpose is to increase public awareness and

¹ Brain Aneurysm Resources. *What is a Brain Aneurysm?* (last visited March 9, 2007), available at <<http://www.brainaneurysm.com/>>.

² The Brain Aneurysm Foundation. *Frequently Asked Questions* (last visited March 12, 2007), available at <<http://www.bafound.org/faqs.php>>.

³ Mayo Clinic. *Brain Aneurysm* (last visited March 9, 2007), available at <<http://mayoclinic.com/health/brain-aneurysm/DS00582>>.

understanding of brain aneurysms, including methods of early detection and treatment

HISTORY

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Introduced	02-27-07
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