

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4075

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 1998

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. MINGE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 “Skilled Nursing Facil-  
5       ity Flexibility Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCREDITATION OF SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES**  
2 **UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 1865 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 1395bb) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking all that fol-  
6 lows “exceeded” and inserting “, the Secretary shall  
7 treat such entity as meeting those conditions or re-  
8 quirements with respect to which the Secretary  
9 made such finding.”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “(A) Ex-  
11 cept as provided in subparagraph (B), not” and in-  
12 serting “Not”;

13 (3) in subsection (b)(3), by striking subpara-  
14 graph (B); and

15 (4) in subsection (c), by inserting “or to a  
16 skilled nursing facility” after “home health agency”.

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