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# H. R. 876

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 1997

Mrs. KELLY (for herself, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FATAH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LINDER, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. METCALF, Mr. MINGE, Ms. MOLINARI, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PITTS, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. RIGGS, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. THORNBERRY, and Ms. WOOLSEY) 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 “Self-Employed Health  
5 Fairness Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN DEDUCTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE**  
2 **COSTS OF SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS TO**  
3 **100 PERCENT OF SUCH COSTS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (1) of section 162(l)  
5 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to special  
6 rules for health insurance costs of self-employed individ-  
7 uals) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(1) **ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION.**—In the case  
9 of an individual who is an employee within the  
10 meaning of section 401(c)(1), there shall be allowed  
11 as a deduction under this section an amount equal  
12 to 100 percent of the amount paid during the tax-  
13 able year for insurance which constitutes medical  
14 care for the taxpayer, his spouse, and dependents.”

15 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
16 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
17 December 31, 1996.

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