

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 964

To authorize the marketing of breast self-examination pads without  
restriction.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 1997

Mr. BURR of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred  
to the Committee on Commerce

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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. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds the following:

5               (1) Breast cancer is the second leading cause of  
6       death by cancer in women.

7               (2) An estimated 180,000 new invasive cases of  
8       breast cancer in the United States are expected in  
9       1997.

1           (3) An estimated 44,000 women are expected to  
2 die of breast cancer during 1997.

3           (4) While there is no cure for breast cancer,  
4 early detection is the key to survival of this devastat-  
5 ing disease.

6           (5) In 1995 the Food and Drug Administration  
7 made available a plastic pad to aid in self-examina-  
8 tion of the breasts and to be used in addition to a  
9 bare hand self-examination.

10          (6) The Congress believes that such a pad  
11 should be directly available to women.

12 **SEC. 2. AIDS FOR SELF-EXAMINATION OF BREASTS.**

13         In the administration of approvals under chapter V  
14 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of devices  
15 to aid in the self-examination of breasts, the Secretary of  
16 Health and Human Services shall approve the marketing  
17 of such devices without the requirement under section  
18 520(e) of such Act that such devices be restricted to sale,  
19 distribution, or use only upon a prescription of a licensed  
20 practitioner or otherwise be restricted in their availability  
21 to women.

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