

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4878

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the percent of hospital bad debt that is reimbursable under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2000

Mr. GREENWOOD (for himself, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. ENGLISH, and Mrs. THURMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Hospital Indigent Care  
5 Relief Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING THE PERCENT OF HOSPITAL BAD**  
2 **DEBT THAT IS REIMBURSABLE UNDER THE**  
3 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subparagraph (T) of section  
5 1861(v)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 1395x(v)(1)), as added by section 4451 of the Balanced  
7 Budget Act of 1997, is repealed.

8 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The repeal made by sub-  
9 section (a) applies to cost reporting periods beginning on  
10 or after October 1, 2000.

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