

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 588

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare Program of immunosuppressive drugs for Medicare beneficiaries who receive an organ transplant without regard to when the transplant was received.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2003

Mr. LATOURETTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and 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

---

## A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare Program of immunosuppressive drugs for Medicare beneficiaries who receive an organ transplant without regard to when the transplant was received.

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 “Medicare Fairness for  
5 Organ Transplant Recipients Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE DRUGS FOR**  
2 **MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES WITHOUT RE-**  
3 **GARD TO WHEN AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT OC-**  
4 **CURRED.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1861(s)(2)(J) of the So-  
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)(J)) is amended  
7 by striking “for which payment is made under this title”.

8 (b) **STYLISTIC AMENDMENT.**—Such section is further  
9 amended by striking the comma after “furnished”.

10 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
11 this section shall apply to drugs furnished on or after the  
12 date of the enactment of this Act.

○