

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4998

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum adjustment to payments to hospitals under the Medicare Program for costs attributable to wages.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2000

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mrs. EMERSON) 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

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM WAGE INDEX.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(3)(E) of the So-
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(3)(E)) is amend-
6 ed by adding at the end the following: “In no case may

1 the factor established by the Secretary under this subpara-
2 graph be less than 0.9.”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) applies with respect to discharges occurring
5 fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2000.

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