

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

# H. R. 5348

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit the application of the one-year lag in the intern and resident-to-bed ration and the rolling average for the number of residents for which payments to hospitals are made under the medicare program for the indirect costs of graduate medical education to residents in the fields of allopathic and osteopathic medicine.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2000

Mr. PALLONE 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. LIMITATION OF APPLICATION OF REDUCTION**  
2 **OF NUMBERS OF RESIDENTS FOR IME PAY-**  
3 **MENTS TO CERTAIN RESIDENTS.**

4 (a) **MEDICARE IME ROLLING AVERAGE AND IRB**  
5 **FREEZE.**—

6 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1886(d)(5)(B)(vi) of  
7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 1395ww(d)(5)(B)(vi)) is amended by adding at the  
9 end the following: “The limitation under subclause  
10 (I) and the total number determined under sub-  
11 clause (II) shall apply only to residents in the fields  
12 of allopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine.”.

13 (2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The heading  
14 of section 1886(h)(4)(G) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
15 1395ww(h)(4)(G)) is amended by inserting “**IN**  
16 **ALLOPATHIC AND OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE ONLY**”  
17 after “**RESIDENTS AND INTERNS**”.

18 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
19 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
20 ment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law  
21 105–33).

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