

104TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3504

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 1996

Mrs. VUCANOVICH (for herself, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BURR, Mr. MYERS of Indiana, and Mr. POSHARD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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without restriction.

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 “Breast Cancer Detec-  
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

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

1           (2) An estimated 184,300 new invasive cases of  
2 breast cancer in the United States are expected in  
3 1996.

4           (3) An estimated 44,300 women are expected to  
5 die of breast cancer during 1996.

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

9           (5) The 3 point breast cancer detection plan  
10 recommended by the National Cancer Institute in-  
11 cludes mammography, physical breast examination,  
12 and a breast self-examination.

13           (6) The National Cancer Institute recommends  
14 that women do a breast self-examination on a  
15 monthly basis.

16           (7) The Food and Drug Administration has re-  
17 cently made available a plastic pad to aid in self-ex-  
18 amination of the breasts and to be used in addition  
19 to a bare hand self-examination.

20           (8) The Congress believes that such a pad  
21 should be directly available to women.

22 **SEC. 3. AIDS FOR SELF-EXAMINATION OF BREASTS.**

23           In the administration of approvals under chapter V  
24 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of devices  
25 to aid in the self-examination of breasts, the Secretary of

1 Health and Human Services shall approve the marketing  
2 of such devices without the requirement under section  
3 520(e) of such Act that such devices be restricted to sale,  
4 distribution, or use only upon a prescription of a licensed  
5 practitioner or otherwise be restricted in their availability  
6 to women.

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