

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1817

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 1997

Mr. PETRI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Nondiscrimination in
5 Employee Benefits Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.**

2 Section 510 of the Employee Retirement Income Se-
3 curity Act of 1974 is amended by inserting before the last
4 sentence the following: “In a case in which an employer
5 elects to offer benefits to associates of its employees who
6 are not spouses or dependents of the employees, the em-
7 ployer shall offer such benefits on a nondiscriminatory
8 basis without regard to the nature of the relationship be-
9 tween the employee and the designated associate.”.

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