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# H. R. 18

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase to 100 percent the amount of the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. POMEROY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Self-Employed Health  
5 Affordability Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEDUCTION FOR 100 PERCENT OF HEALTH INSUR-**  
2 **ANCE COSTS OF SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVID-**  
3 **UALS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 162(l)  
5 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 “(1) ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION.—In the case  
8 of an individual who is an employee within the  
9 meaning of section 401(c)(1), there shall be allowed  
10 as a deduction under this section an amount equal  
11 to 100 percent of the amount paid during the tax-  
12 able year for insurance which constitutes medical  
13 care for the taxpayer, his spouse, and dependents.”

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
15 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
16 December 31, 1996.

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