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H. R. 4312

To repeal sections 1173(b) and 1177(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, to prohibit Federal agencies from construing Federal law as authorizing the establishment of a national medical identification card, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 1998

Mr. BARR of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medical Privacy Pro-
5 tection Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEALS.**

2 Sections 1173(b) and 1177(a)(1) of the Social Secu-
3 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2(b); 42 U.S.C. 1320d–
4 6(a)(1)) are repealed.

5 **SEC. 3. NO AUTHORITY FOR NATIONAL MEDICAL IDENTI-**
6 **FICATION CARD.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
8 sion of law, a Federal agency may not construe Federal
9 law as authorizing, directly or indirectly—

10 (1) the issuance or use of a national medical
11 identification card;

12 (2) the establishment of a national medical
13 identification card; or

14 (3) the agency to direct a State to issue or
15 modify an identification card or document for the
16 purpose of satisfying any Federal requirement.

17 (b) FEDERAL AGENCY DEFINED.—For purposes of
18 this section, the term “Federal agency” means any of the
19 following:

20 (1) An Executive agency (as defined in section
21 105 of title 5, United States Code).

22 (2) A military department (as defined in section
23 102 of such title).

24 (3) An agency in the legislative branch of the
25 Government of the United States.

- 1 (4) An agency in the judicial branch of the Gov-
- 2 ernment of the United States.

