

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 964

To authorize the marketing of breast self-examination pads without
restriction.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 1997

Mr. BURR of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Commerce

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

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

7 (2) An estimated 180,000 new invasive cases of
8 breast cancer in the United States are expected in
9 1997.

1 (3) An estimated 44,000 women are expected to
2 die of breast cancer during 1997.

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

6 (5) In 1995 the Food and Drug Administration
7 made available a plastic pad to aid in self-examina-
8 tion of the breasts and to be used in addition to a
9 bare hand self-examination.

10 (6) The Congress believes that such a pad
11 should be directly available to women.

12 **SEC. 2. AIDS FOR SELF-EXAMINATION OF BREASTS.**

13 In the administration of approvals under chapter V
14 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of devices
15 to aid in the self-examination of breasts, the Secretary of
16 Health and Human Services shall approve the marketing
17 of such devices without the requirement under section
18 520(e) of such Act that such devices be restricted to sale,
19 distribution, or use only upon a prescription of a licensed
20 practitioner or otherwise be restricted in their availability
21 to women.

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