

105TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1017

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 15, 1997

Mr. SPECTER (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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       That that portion of subsection (a) of section 1502 of title  
4       38, United States Code, preceding paragraph (1) is  
5       amended to read as follows:

6       “(a) For purposes of this chapter, a person shall be  
7       considered to be permanently and totally disabled if such  
8       person is 65 years of age or older and is a patient in a  
9       nursing home or, regardless of age, is unemployable as a

1 result of a disability reasonably certain to continue  
2 throughout the life of the disabled person, or is suffering  
3 from—”.

