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# S. 1680

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify that licensed pharmacists are not subject to the surety bond requirements under the medicare program.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 1998

Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. DASCHLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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. EXEMPTION OF LICENSED PHARMACISTS**  
4 **FROM SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The last sentence of section  
6 1834(a)(16) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7 1395m(a)(16)) (as added by section 4312(c) of the Bal-  
8 anced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–33; 111 Stat.  
9 387)) is amended by inserting before the period at the

1 end the following: “, except that the Secretary may not  
2 impose a surety bond described in subparagraph (B) of  
3 that sentence on suppliers that are licensed pharmacies  
4 for which the person signing the supplier application is  
5 a licensed pharmacist under State law who has the author-  
6 ity to bind the business entity”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
8 subsection (a) takes effect as if included in the enactment  
9 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–  
10 33; 111 Stat. 251).

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