

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2704

To amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to allow States and localities to provide primary and preventive care to all individuals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2001

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to allow States and localities to provide primary and preventive care to all individuals.

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 makes the following findings:

5           (1) The Personal Responsibility and Work Op-  
6       portunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 states that  
7       aliens may receive “assistance for health care items  
8       and services that are necessary for the treatment of  
9       an emergency medical condition”.

16 (5) The opinion of the Texas Attorney General  
17 is unfair to undocumented aliens and endangers the  
18 public health of all residents.

19 (6) It is necessary to amend the Personal Re-  
20 sponsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation  
21 Act of 1996 to correct this injustice.

1   **SEC. 2. PERMITTING STATES AND LOCALITIES TO PROVIDE**  
2                   **PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE CARE TO ALL IN-**  
3                   **DIVIDUALS.**

4       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 411(b)(1) of the Personal  
5   Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act  
6   of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1621(b)(1)) is amended by inserting  
7   “or for primary and preventive care” after “Act”).

8       (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
9   subsection (a) shall apply to primary and preventive care  
10   furnished before, on, or after the date of the enactment  
11   of this Act.

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