107TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 5105

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny any deduction for direct-to-consumer advertisements of prescription drugs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 11, 2002

Mr. Nadler (for himself and Mr. Crowley) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 "Say No to Drug Ads
- 5 Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. DISALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION FOR DIRECT-TO-
- 7 CONSUMER ADVERTISEMENT OF PRESCRIP-
- 8 TION DRUGS.
- 9 (a) General Rule.—Part IX of subchapter B of
- 10 chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating

- 1 to items not deductible) is amended by adding at the end
- 2 thereof the following new section:
- 3 "SEC. 280I. DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER ADVERTISEMENT OF
- 4 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.
- 5 "No deduction shall be allowed under this chapter for
- 6 any expense of a direct-to-consumer advertisement for a
- 7 prescription drug."
- 8 (b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections
- 9 for part IX of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code
- 10 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
- 11 item:

 $\hbox{``Sec. 280I. Direct-to-consumer advertisement of prescription} \\ \hbox{drugs.''}$

- (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 13 this section shall apply to amounts paid or incurred after
- 14 December 31, 2002.

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