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# H. R. 1295

To provide for coverage of diabetic foot sore apparatus as items of durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2003

Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. FROST, Mr. HONDA, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. WATSON, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Diabetic Foot Amputa-  
5 tion Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF DIABETIC FOOT SORE APPARATUS**

2 **AS DME.**

3 (a) **COVERAGE.**—The term durable medical equip-  
4 ment, as defined in section 1861(n) of the Social Security  
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)), is deemed to include a qualified  
6 diabetic foot sore apparatus, as defined in subsection (c).

7 (b) **PAYMENT.**—Payment for a qualified diabetic foot  
8 sore apparatus shall be made in the manner provided for  
9 under section 1834(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 1395m(a)(2)) (relating to payment for inexpensive and  
11 other routinely purchased durable medical equipment).

12 (c) **DEFINITION.**—The term “qualified diabetic foot  
13 sore apparatus” means an apparatus consisting of a mir-  
14 ror and a handle that is used by individuals with diabetes  
15 to detect or monitor foot sore complications resulting from  
16 diabetes, as approved by the Secretary.

17 (d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The provisions of this sec-  
18 tion shall take effect on October 1, 2003, and apply to  
19 items furnished on or after that date.

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