

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2841

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 2005

Mr. FERGUSON (for himself, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Mr. ISSA) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Safe Needle  
3 Disposal Coverage Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF HOME NEEDLE DESTRUCTION DE-**  
5                   **VICES AND DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES AND**  
6                   **LANCETS THROUGH A SHARPS-BY-MAIL OR**  
7                   **SIMILAR PROGRAM UNDER MEDICARE PART**  
8                   **D.**

9       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1860D–2(e)(1)(B) of the  
10 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–102(e)(1)(B)) is  
11 amended by inserting after “regulations of the Secretary”  
12 the following: “and including devices approved for home  
13 use by the Food and Drug Administration for the safe  
14 and effective destruction of needles and the disposal of  
15 needles and lancets through a sharps-by-mail or similar  
16 program as medically appropriate based on volume of  
17 usage”.

18       (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
19 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2007.

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