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# H. R. 5604

To direct the Patient Center Outcome Research Institute to prepare and release a report on home cardiorespiratory monitors for infants, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WALORSKI 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 “Baby Observation Act”  
5 or “BO’s Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON HOME CARDIORESPIRATORY MONITORS**  
2 **FOR INFANTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 months after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act and in accordance  
5 with paragraphs (8) and (9) of section 1181(d) of the So-  
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320e(d)), the Patient-Cen-  
7 tered Outcomes Research Institute established pursuant  
8 to subsection (b) of such section shall make publically  
9 available a study and report on home cardiorespiratory  
10 monitors, including—

11 (1) a review of the literature on, and a data  
12 analysis of, best practices to reduce or prevent sleep-  
13 related sudden infant death syndrome or sudden un-  
14 expected infant death (as such terms are defined in  
15 section 1121(e)(1) of the Public Health Service Act  
16 (42 U.S.C. 300e–11(e)));

17 (2) a description of—

18 (A) the available evidence on the effective-  
19 ness, performance, and accuracy of home car-  
20 diorespiratory monitors that track the heart  
21 rate, blood oxygen levels, and other vital signs  
22 of an infant; and

23 (B) new models of care to improve the  
24 home sleeping environment of an infant, includ-  
25 ing the use of cardiorespiratory monitors;

1           (3) health care plan criteria for medically ap-  
2           appropriate coverage for a home cardiorespiratory  
3           monitor; and

4           (4) recommendations on whether home cardio-  
5           respiratory monitors have shown product efficacy  
6           supporting coverage under an employer-sponsored  
7           health care plan, a qualified health plan offered  
8           through an Exchange established pursuant to title I  
9           of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act,  
10          the Medicaid program established under title XIX of  
11          the Social Security Act, and CHIP plans under title  
12          XXI of the Social Security Act.

13          (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

14           (1) HOME CARDIORESPIRATORY MONITOR.—  
15           The term “home cardiorespiratory monitor” means a  
16           medical device used in the home to track the res-  
17           piratory effort and heart rate of a sleeping infant.

18           (2) INFANT.—The term “infant” means a per-  
19           son under 2 years of age.

20          (c) FUNDING.—The trustee of the Patient-Centered  
21          Outcomes Research Trust Fund (as described in section  
22          9511 of the Internal Revenue Code) shall provide from  
23          such trust fund such funds as may be required to carry  
24          out the study under subsection (a).

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