

104TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 952

To repeal the Medicare and Medicaid Coverage Data Bank, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 1995

Mrs. FOWLER (for herself, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. BUYER, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. COX of California, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GOSS, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Ms. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Ms. PRYCE, and Mr. STEARNS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and, in addition, to the Committee on Commerce, 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

To repeal the Medicare and Medicaid Coverage Data Bank, and for other purposes.

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. REPEAL OF MEDICARE AND MEDICAID COV-**  
4 **ERAGE DATA BANK.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective January 1, 1994, sec-  
6 tion 13581 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of  
7 1993 is hereby repealed and any provision of the law

1 amended by such section is restored and shall be applied  
2 and administered as if such a section had not been enacted  
3 into law.

4 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—

5 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and  
6 Human Services (hereafter in this subsection re-  
7 ferred to as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a study  
8 on how to achieve the objectives of the data bank de-  
9 scribed in section 1144 of the Social Security Act  
10 (as in effect on the day before the date of the enact-  
11 ment of this Act) in the most cost-effective manner,  
12 taking into account—

13 (A) the administrative burden of such data  
14 bank on private sector entities and govern-  
15 ments,

16 (B) the possible duplicative reporting re-  
17 quirements of the Health Care Financing Ad-  
18 ministration in effect on such date of enact-  
19 ment, and

20 (C) the legal ability of such entities and  
21 governments to acquire the required informa-  
22 tion.

23 (2) REPORT.—The Secretary shall report to the  
24 Congress on the results of the study described in

1 paragraph (1) by not later than 180 days after the  
2 enactment of this Act.

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