

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3284

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exempt pharmacists licensed under State law from surety bond requirements under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 1998

Mr. BERRY (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. GOODE, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. EXEMPTION OF LICENSED PHARMACISTS FROM**  
4 **SURETY BOND REQUIREMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(a)(16) of the Social  
6 Security Act, as inserted by subsections (a) and (c) of sec-  
7 tion 4312 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, is amend-

1 ed by adding at the end the following new sentence: “The  
2 requirement of a bond under subparagraph (B) shall not  
3 apply if the supplier is a pharmacy licensed under State  
4 law for which the individual signing the supplier applica-  
5 tion is a pharmacist licensed under State law who has the  
6 authority to bind the business entity.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
8 subsection (a) takes effect as if included in the enactment  
9 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-  
10 33).

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