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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4901

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2002

Mr. TOWNS 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 “Home Respiratory  
5 Medication Patient Protection Act of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. OFFSETTING MEDICARE PAYMENT REDUCTIONS**  
2 **FOR HOME RESPIRATORY MEDICATION**  
3 **NEBULIZER DRUGS BY INCREASES IN REIM-**  
4 **BURSEMENT FOR HOME RESPIRATORY MEDI-**  
5 **CATION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if on or  
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act the Secretary  
8 of Health and Human Services effects a reduction in pay-  
9 ment rates for home respiratory medication nebulizer  
10 drugs under part B of title XVIII of the Social Security  
11 Act, the Secretary shall provide for an increase in the pay-  
12 ment rates for home respiratory medication professional  
13 services under such part in a manner so that the aggre-  
14 gate additional payments resulting from such payment in-  
15 crease are designed to be equal to, and offset, the aggre-  
16 gate decrease in payments resulting from such payment  
17 reduction.

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