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107th CONGRESS
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H.R. _____

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the _____

A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of audiologic rehabilitation by audiologists.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives and of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Audiologic Rehabilitation Act of 2002”.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE OF AUDIOLOGIC REHABILITATION

(a) **COVERAGE OF AUDIOLOGIC REHABILITATION**—Section 1861 (11)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(11)(2)) is amended by inserting “rehabilitation” after “balance assessment”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE**—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act, and shall apply to items and services furnished on or after the Secretary publishes a final regulation to carry out the provisions of this Act, but in no case later than January 1, 2004.