

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5983

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the in the home restriction for Medicare coverage of mobility devices for individuals with expected long-term needs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2006

Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. WEXLER, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. DAVIS of Florida) 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

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 “Medicare Independent
5 Living Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF IN THE HOME RESTRICTION FOR**
2 **MEDICARE COVERAGE OF MOBILITY DEVICES**
3 **FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXPECTED LONG-**
4 **TERM NEEDS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1861(n) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended by inserting
7 “or, in the case of a mobility device required by an indi-
8 vidual with expected long-term need, used in customary
9 settings for the purpose of normal domestic, vocational,
10 or community activities” after “1819(a)(1)”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
12 subsection (a) shall apply to items furnished on or after
13 the date of enactment of this Act.

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