

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 869

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2005

Mr. SOUDER (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. WEINER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WAMP, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. OWENS, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. WYNN, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MAINTENANCE OR DETOXIFICATION TREAT-**  
2 **MENT WITH CERTAIN NARCOTIC DRUGS;**  
3 **ELIMINATION OF 30-PATIENT LIMIT FOR**  
4 **GROUP PRACTICES.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 303(g)(2)(B) of the Con-  
6 trolled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)(B)) is amend-  
7 ed by striking clause (iv).

8 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section  
9 303(g)(2)(B) of the Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C.  
10 823(g)(2)(B)) is amended in clause (iii) by striking “In  
11 any case” and all that follows through “the total” and  
12 inserting “The total”.

13 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall take effect  
14 on the date of enactment of this Act.

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