

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

# H. R. 3092

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 11, 2001

Mr. BROWN of Ohio 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPANDING MEDICARE COVERAGE OF DURA-**  
2 **BLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE PHY-**  
3 **SICIAN PRESCRIBED EQUIPMENT NECESSARY**  
4 **TO ENSURE UNPAID CAREGIVERS CAN EF-**  
5 **FECTIVELY AND SAFELY CARE FOR PA-**  
6 **TIENTS.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1861(n) of the Social Se-  
8 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended by adding  
9 at the end the following: “Such term includes equipment  
10 that is prescribed by a physician who is primarily respon-  
11 sible for the ongoing care of the patient and that ensures  
12 that an unpaid caregiver can effectively and safely care  
13 for the patient.”.

14 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
15 subsection (a) applies to equipment furnished on or after  
16 January 1, 2002.

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