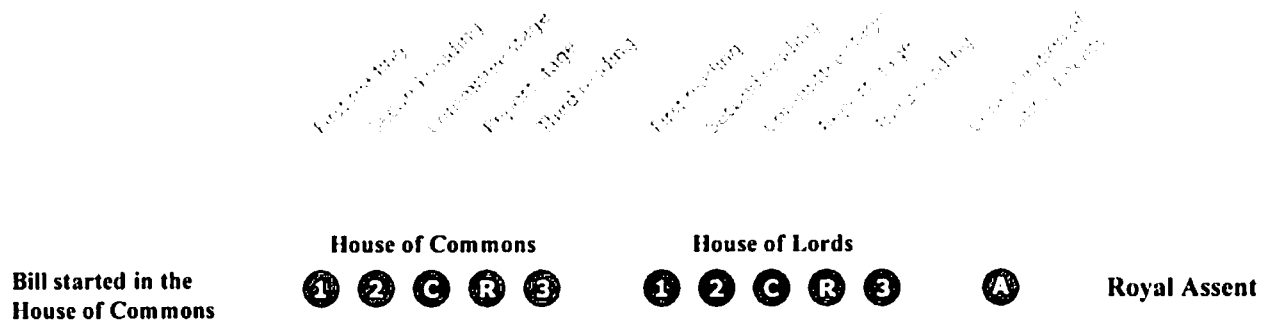


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Summary of the Bill

The Bill proposes to create an independent NHS Board, promote patient choice, and to reduce NHS administration costs.

Key areas

- establishes an independent NHS Board to allocate resources and provide commissioning guidance
- increases GPs' powers to commission services on behalf of their patients
- strengthens the role of the Care Quality Commission
- develops Monitor, the body that currently regulates NHS foundation trusts, into an economic regulator to oversee aspects of access and competition in the NHS
- cuts the number of health bodies to help meet the Government's commitment to cut NHS administration costs by a third, including abolishing Primary Care Trusts and Strategic Health Authorities.

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