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# S. 535

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a program for research and training with respect to Parkinson's disease.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 9, 1997

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. GLENN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BOND, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. MACK, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. FORD, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. REID, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SANTORUM, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Morris K. Udall Par-  
5 kinson's Research Act of 1997".

1 **SEC. 2. FINDING AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that to take full ad-  
 3 vantage of the tremendous potential for finding a cure or  
 4 effective treatment, the Federal investment in Parkinson’s  
 5 must be expanded, as well as the coordination strength-  
 6 ened among the National Institutes of Health research in-  
 7 stitutes.

8 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro-  
 9 vide for the expansion and coordination of research re-  
 10 garding Parkinson’s, and to improve care and assistance  
 11 for afflicted individuals and their family caregivers.

12 **SEC. 3. PARKINSON’S RESEARCH.**

13 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act  
 14 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
 15 the following:

16 “PARKINSON’S DISEASE

17 “SEC. 409B. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of  
 18 NIH shall establish a program for the conduct and sup-  
 19 port of research and training with respect to Parkinson’s  
 20 disease (subject to the extent of amounts appropriated  
 21 under subsection (e)).

22 “(b) INTER-INSTITUTE COORDINATION.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall  
 24 provide for the coordination of the program estab-  
 25 lished under subsection (a) among all of the national  
 26 research institutes conducting Parkinson’s research.

1           “(2) CONFERENCE.—Coordination under para-  
2           graph (1) shall include the convening of a research  
3           planning conference not less frequently than once  
4           every 2 years. Each such conference shall prepare  
5           and submit to the Committee on Appropriations and  
6           the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of  
7           the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations  
8           and the Committee on Commerce of the House of  
9           Representatives a report concerning the conference.

10          “(c) MORRIS K. UDALL RESEARCH CENTERS.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall  
12           award Core Center Grants to encourage the develop-  
13           ment of innovative multidisciplinary research and  
14           provide training concerning Parkinson’s. The Direc-  
15           tor shall award not more than 10 Core Center  
16           Grants and designate each center funded under such  
17           grants as a Morris K. Udall Center for Research on  
18           Parkinson’s Disease.

19           “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—

20           “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to Par-  
21           kinson’s, each center assisted under this sub-  
22           section shall—

23                   “(i) use the facilities of a single insti-  
24                   tution or a consortium of cooperating insti-  
25                   tutions, and meet such qualifications as

1                   may be prescribed by the Director of the  
2                   NIH; and

3                   “(ii) conduct basic and clinical re-  
4                   search.

5                   “(B) DISCRETIONARY REQUIREMENTS.—

6                   With respect to Parkinson’s, each center as-  
7                   sisted under this subsection may—

8                   “(i) conduct training programs for  
9                   scientists and health professionals;

10                  “(ii) conduct programs to provide in-  
11                  formation and continuing education to  
12                  health professionals;

13                  “(iii) conduct programs for the dis-  
14                  semination of information to the public;

15                  “(iv) separately or in collaboration  
16                  with other centers, establish a nationwide  
17                  data system derived from patient popu-  
18                  lations with Parkinson’s, and where pos-  
19                  sible, comparing relevant data involving  
20                  general populations;

21                  “(v) separately or in collaboration  
22                  with other centers, establish a Parkinson’s  
23                  Disease Information Clearinghouse to fa-  
24                  cilitate and enhance knowledge and under-  
25                  standing of Parkinson’s disease; and

1                   “(vi) separately or in collaboration  
2                   with other centers, establish a national  
3                   education program that fosters a national  
4                   focus on Parkinson’s and the care of those  
5                   with Parkinson’s.

6                   “(3) STIPENDS REGARDING TRAINING PRO-  
7                   GRAMS.—A center may use funds provided under  
8                   paragraph (1) to provide stipends for scientists and  
9                   health professionals enrolled in training programs  
10                  under paragraph (2)(B).

11                  “(4) DURATION OF SUPPORT.—Support of a  
12                  center under this subsection may be for a period not  
13                  exceeding five years. Such period may be extended  
14                  by the Director of NIH for one or more additional  
15                  periods of not more than five years if the operations  
16                  of such center have been reviewed by an appropriate  
17                  technical and scientific peer review group established  
18                  by the Director and if such group has recommended  
19                  to the Director that such period should be extended.

20                  “(d) MORRIS K. UDALL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE  
21                  IN PARKINSON’S DISEASE RESEARCH.—The Director of  
22                  NIH shall establish a grant program to support investiga-  
23                  tors with a proven record of excellence and innovation in  
24                  Parkinson’s research and who demonstrate potential for  
25                  significant future breakthroughs in the understanding of

1 the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of Parkinson's.  
2 Grants under this subsection shall be available for a period  
3 of not to exceed 5 years.

4       “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
5 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized  
6 to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 1998, and  
7 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years  
8 1999 and 2000.”.

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