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H. R. 4992

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish health professions programs regarding practice of pharmacy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAUZIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish health professions programs regarding practice of pharmacy.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SEC. 942. CERTAIN HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS RE-**
4 **GARDING PRACTICE OF PHARMACY.**

5 Part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
7 the following subpart:

8 **“Subpart 3—Pharmacist Workforce Programs**

9 **“SEC. 771. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

10 **“(a) PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.—**

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop
2 and issue public service announcements that adver-
3 tise and promote the pharmacist profession, high-
4 light the advantages and rewards of being a phar-
5 macist, and encourage individuals to enter the phar-
6 macist profession.

7 “(2) METHOD.—The public service announce-
8 ments described in subsection (a) shall be broadcast
9 through appropriate media outlets, including tele-
10 vision or radio, in a manner intended to reach as
11 wide and diverse an audience as possible.

12 “(b) STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AN-
13 NOUNCEMENTS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
15 grants to entities to support State and local adver-
16 tising campaigns through appropriate media outlets
17 to promote the pharmacist profession, highlight the
18 advantages and rewards of being a pharmacist, and
19 encourage individuals from disadvantaged back-
20 grounds to enter the pharmacist profession.

21 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity that receives
22 a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds received
23 through such grant to acquire local television and
24 radio time, place advertisements in local newspapers,

1 and post information on billboards or on the Inter-
2 net, in order to—

3 “(A) advertise and promote the pharmacist
4 profession;

5 “(B) promote pharmacist education pro-
6 grams;

7 “(C) inform the public of public assistance
8 regarding such education programs;

9 “(D) highlight individuals in the commu-
10 nity that are presently practicing as phar-
11 macists to recruit new pharmacists; and

12 “(E) provide any other information to re-
13 cruit individuals for the pharmacist profession.

14 “(3) METHOD.—The campaigns described in
15 subsection (a) shall be broadcast on television or
16 radio, placed in newspapers as advertisements, or
17 posted on billboards or the Internet, in a manner in-
18 tended to reach as wide and diverse an audience as
19 possible.

20 **“SEC. 772. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
22 demonstration project to enhance the participation of indi-
23 viduals who are pharmacists in the National Health Serv-
24 ice Corps Loan Repayment Program described in section
25 338B.

1 “(b) SERVICES.—Services that may be provided by
2 pharmacists pursuant to the demonstration project estab-
3 lished under this section include medication therapy man-
4 agement services to assure that medications are used ap-
5 propriately by patients, to enhance patients’ under-
6 standing of the appropriate use of medications, to increase
7 patients’ adherence to prescription medication regimens,
8 to reduce the risk of adverse events associated with medi-
9 cations, and to reduce the need for other costly medical
10 services through better management of medication ther-
11 apy. Such services may include case management, disease
12 management, drug therapy management, patient training
13 and education, counseling, drug therapy problem resolu-
14 tion, medication administration, the provision of special
15 packaging, or other services that enhance the use of pre-
16 scription medications.

17 “(c) PROCEDURE.—The Secretary may not provide
18 assistance to an individual under this section unless the
19 individual agrees to comply with all requirements de-
20 scribed in sections 338B and 338D.

21 “(d) LIMITATIONS.—The demonstration project de-
22 scribed in this section shall provide for the participation
23 of—

24 “(1) individuals to provide services in rural and
25 urban areas; and

1 “(2) enough individuals to allow the Secretary
2 to properly analyze the effectiveness of such project.

3 “(e) DESIGNATIONS.—The demonstration project de-
4 scribed in this section, and any pharmacists who are se-
5 lected to participate in such project, shall not be consid-
6 ered by the Secretary in the designation of a health profes-
7 sional shortage area under section 332 during fiscal years
8 2003 through 2005.

9 “(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This section shall
10 not be construed to require any State to participate in the
11 project described in this section.

12 “(g) REPORT.—The Secretary shall prepare and sub-
13 mit a report on the project to—

14 “(A) the Committee on Health, Education,
15 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

16 “(B) the Subcommittee on Labor, Health
17 and Human Services, and Education of the
18 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

19 “(C) the Committee on Energy and Com-
20 merce of the House of Representatives; and

21 “(D) the Subcommittee on Labor, Health
22 and Human Services, and Education of the
23 Committee on Appropriations of the House of
24 Representatives.

1 **“SEC. 773. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.**

2 “(a) GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.—The Secretary may
3 make awards of grants or contracts to qualifying schools
4 of pharmacy for the purpose of assisting such schools in
5 acquiring and installing computer-based systems to pro-
6 vide pharmaceutical education. Education provided
7 through such systems may be graduate education, profes-
8 sional education, or continuing education. The computer-
9 based systems may be designed to provide on-site edu-
10 cation, or education at remote sites (commonly referred
11 to as distance learning), or both.

12 “(b) QUALIFYING SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.—For pur-
13 poses of this section, the term ‘qualifying school of phar-
14 macy’ means a school of pharmacy (as defined in section
15 799B) that requires students to serve in a clinical rotation
16 in which pharmacist services are part of the curriculum.

17 **“SEC. 774. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 “For the purpose of carrying out this subpart, there
19 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
20 necessary for each of the fiscal years 2003 through
21 2006.”.

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