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H. R. 3640

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to provide screenings and treatment for cancer to minority or underserved populations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Cancer Testing, Edu-
5 cation, Screening, and Treatment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FOR MI-**
2 **NORITY OR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.**

3 Part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by inserting after
5 section 330L the following:

6 **“SEC. 330M. CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FOR**
7 **MINORITY OR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.**

8 “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary may make grants to
9 qualifying health centers and nonprofit organizations for
10 the development, expansion, or operation of programs
11 that, for individuals otherwise served by such centers and
12 organizations, provide—

13 “(1) information and education on cancer pre-
14 vention;

15 “(2) screenings for cancer;

16 “(3) counseling on cancer, including counseling
17 upon a diagnosis of cancer; and

18 “(4) treatment for cancer.

19 “(b) PREFERENCE IN MAKING GRANTS.—In making
20 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pref-
21 erence to applicants that—

22 “(1) have service populations that include a sig-
23 nificant number of low-income minority individuals
24 who are at-risk for cancer;

25 “(2) will, through programs under subsection
26 (a)—

1 “(A) emphasize early detection of and com-
2 prehensive treatment for cancer;

3 “(B) provide comprehensive treatment
4 services for cancer in its earliest stages; and

5 “(C) carry out subparagraphs (A) and (B)
6 for two or more types of cancer; and

7 “(3) in order to provide treatment for cancer,
8 have established or will establish referral arrange-
9 ments with entities that provide screenings for low-
10 income individuals.

11 “(c) APPROPRIATE CULTURAL CONTEXT.—As a con-
12 dition for the receipt of a grant under subsection (a), the
13 applicant shall agree that, in the program carried out with
14 the grant, services will be provided in the languages most
15 appropriate for, and with consideration for the cultural
16 backgrounds of, the individuals for whom the services are
17 provided.

18 “(d) OUTREACH SERVICES.—As a condition for the
19 receipt of a grant under subsection (a), the applicant shall
20 agree to provide outreach activities to inform the public
21 of the services of the program, and to provide information
22 on cancer.

23 “(e) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
24 made under subsection (a) only if an application for the
25 grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application

1 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains
2 such agreements, assurances, and information as the Sec-
3 retary determines to be necessary to carry out this section.

4 “(f) DESIGNATION OF TYPES OF CANCER.—In mak-
5 ing a grant under subsection (a), the Secretary shall des-
6 ignate the type or types of cancer with respect to which
7 the grant is being made.

8 “(g) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
9 term ‘qualifying health center’ includes community health
10 centers, migrant health centers, health centers for the
11 homeless, health centers for residents of public housing,
12 and community clinics.

13 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
14 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
15 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
16 each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2010.”

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