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# H. R. 4992

[Report No. 107-548]

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

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## 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

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## 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,*

1 **SEC. 942. CERTAIN HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS RE-**  
2 **GARDING PRACTICE OF PHARMACY.**

3 Part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act  
4 (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
5 the following subpart:

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

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

8 “(a) PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop  
10 and issue public service announcements that adver-  
11 tise and promote the pharmacist profession, high-  
12 light the advantages and rewards of being a phar-  
13 macist, and encourage individuals to enter the phar-  
14 macist profession.

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

20 “(b) STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AN-  
21 NOUNCEMENTS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
23 grants to entities to support State and local adver-  
24 tising campaigns through appropriate media outlets  
25 to promote the pharmacist profession, highlight the  
26 advantages and rewards of being a pharmacist, and

1 encourage individuals from disadvantaged back-  
2 grounds to enter the pharmacist profession.

3 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity that receives  
4 a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds received  
5 through such grant to acquire local television and  
6 radio time, place advertisements in local newspapers,  
7 and post information on billboards or on the Inter-  
8 net, in order to—

9 “(A) advertise and promote the pharmacist  
10 profession;

11 “(B) promote pharmacist education pro-  
12 grams;

13 “(C) inform the public of public assistance  
14 regarding such education programs;

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

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

20 “(3) METHOD.—The campaigns described in  
21 subsection (a) shall be broadcast on television or  
22 radio, placed in newspapers as advertisements, or  
23 posted on billboards or the Internet, in a manner in-  
24 tended to reach as wide and diverse an audience as  
25 possible.

1 **“SEC. 772. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

2       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
3 demonstration project to enhance the participation of indi-  
4 viduals who are pharmacists in the National Health Serv-  
5 ice Corps Loan Repayment Program described in section  
6 338B.

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

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

1       “(d) LIMITATIONS.—The demonstration project de-  
2 scribed in this section shall provide for the participation  
3 of—

4               “(1) individuals to provide services in rural and  
5 urban areas; and

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

8       “(e) DESIGNATIONS.—The demonstration project de-  
9 scribed in this section, and any pharmacists who are se-  
10 lected to participate in such project, shall not be consid-  
11 ered by the Secretary in the designation of a health profes-  
12 sional shortage area under section 332 during fiscal years  
13 2003 through 2005.

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

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

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

21               “(B) the Subcommittee on Labor, Health  
22 and Human Services, and Education of the  
23 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

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

1                   “(D) the Subcommittee on Labor, Health  
2                   and Human Services, and Education of the  
3                   Committee on Appropriations of the House of  
4                   Representatives.

5 **“SEC. 773. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.**

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

16          “(b) QUALIFYING SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.—For pur-  
17          poses of this section, the term ‘qualifying school of phar-  
18          macy’ means a school of pharmacy (as defined in section  
19          799B) that requires students to serve in a clinical rotation  
20          in which pharmacist services are part of the curriculum.

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

22          “For the purpose of carrying out this subpart, there  
23          are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
24          necessary for each of the fiscal years 2003 through  
25          2006.”.



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