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# H. R. 1037

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the national collection of data on stillbirths in a standardized manner, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. PAULSEN, and Mr. FILNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Stillbirth Awareness  
5 and Research Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL STILLBIRTH REGISTRY.**

7 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act  
8 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-  
9 tion 317T the following:

1 **“SEC. 317U. NATIONAL STILLBIRTH REGISTRY.**

2       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—For the purposes described  
3 in subsection (b), the Secretary, acting through the Direc-  
4 tor of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
5 shall, by grant or contract, establish and maintain a sci-  
6 entific registry of stillbirths in the United States (in this  
7 section referred to as the ‘registry’).

8       “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the registry are—

9               “(1) to provide a national repository for report-  
10 ing and maintaining in a consistent manner data on  
11 stillbirths; and

12               “(2) to make such data available for research  
13 on the causes and prevention of stillbirths.

14       “(c) CONTENT.—The registry shall include, with re-  
15 spect to each stillbirth, information on the stillborn fetus  
16 and the mother’s health and pregnancy as collected and  
17 submitted by States on the U.S. Standard Report of Fetal  
18 Death. In submitting such information, the Director of the  
19 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall require  
20 States to use the standard definition of stillbirth and the  
21 standard protocol for stillbirth data collection and surveil-  
22 lance as determined pursuant to subsection (d).

23       “(d) DETERMINATION OF STANDARD STILLBIRTH  
24 DEFINITION AND PROTOCOL.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-  
2           tion, the Secretary shall provide for the development  
3           of the following:

4                   “(A) A standard definition of stillbirth.

5                   “(B) A standard protocol for stillbirth data  
6           collection and surveillance.

7           “(2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall en-  
8           sure that the standard definition and protocol de-  
9           scribed paragraph (1) are developed under such  
10          paragraph in a manner that ensures the consultation  
11          of representatives of health care organizations, State  
12          and local governments, and other interested entities  
13          specified by the Secretary.”.

14 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON NIH FUNDING FOR STILL-**  
15 **BIRTH RESEARCH.**

16          It is the sense of the Congress that the Director of  
17          the National Institutes of Health should increase the allo-  
18          cation of funds and other resources for stillbirth research.

19 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

20          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
21          Human Services shall carry out a national campaign to  
22          increase public awareness and knowledge of stillbirths and  
23          public and State awareness of the standard stillbirth defi-  
24          nition and standard protocol for stillbirth data collection

1 and surveillance under section 317U of the Public Health  
2 Service Act, as added by section 2.

3 (b) MEASURES TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF  
4 STILLBIRTHS.—Activities under the national campaign  
5 under subsection (a) shall include—

6 (1) the dissemination of information on meas-  
7 ures for mothers to maintain a healthy pregnancy  
8 and assess fetal health;

9 (2) the dissemination of information on good  
10 prenatal care practices such as not drinking alcohol  
11 or smoking; and

12 (3) the promotion of fetal movement awareness  
13 and taking proactive steps to monitor a baby’s move-  
14 ment beginning at approximately 28 weeks into the  
15 pregnancy.

16 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this Act and the  
18 amendment made by this Act, there is authorized to be  
19 appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012  
20 through 2016.

21 (b) CORRESPONDING REDUCTION.—The aggregate  
22 amount authorized to be appropriated by other provisions  
23 of law to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- 1 for business services support is reduced by \$5,000,000 for
- 2 each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016.

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