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H. R. 525

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and increase the number of veterinarians trained in veterinary public health.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterinary Public
3 Health Amendments Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH IN**
5 **CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE PRO-**
6 **VISIONS.**

7 (a) **PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE GRANTS.**—Sub-
8 sections (b)(1)(A) and (d)(6) of section 765 of the Public
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295) are amended by in-
10 serting “veterinary public health,” after “preventive medi-
11 cine,” each place it appears.

12 (b) **PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE LOAN REPAY-**
13 **MENT PROGRAM.**—

14 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subparagraphs (A) and (B)
15 of section 776(b)(1) of the Public Health Service
16 Act (42 U.S.C. 295f–1(b)(1)) are amended by strik-
17 ing “public health or health professions degree or
18 certificate” each place it appears and inserting
19 “public health (including veterinary public health) or
20 health professions degree or certificate”.

21 (2) **TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**—Subparagraph
22 (A) of section 776(b)(1) of the Public Health Service
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 295f–1(b)(1)) is amended by adding
24 “or” at the end.

1 (c) DEFINITION.—Section 799B of the Public Health
2 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p) is amended by adding at
3 the end the following:

4 “(27) VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH.—The
5 term ‘veterinary public health’ includes veterinarians
6 engaged in one or more of the following areas to the
7 extent such areas have an impact on human health:
8 biodefense and emergency preparedness, emerging
9 and reemerging infectious diseases, environmental
10 health, ecosystem health, pre- and post-harvest food
11 protection, regulatory medicine, diagnostic labora-
12 tory medicine, veterinary pathology, biomedical re-
13 search, the practice of food animal medicine in rural
14 areas, and government practice.”.

Passed the House of Representatives March 8,
2011.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.