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S. 1615

To limit the scope of regulations issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to control communicable diseases, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2021

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Limiting CDC to Dis-
5 ease Control Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITING THE SCOPE OF REGULATIONS OF THE DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERV-**
3 **ICES TO CONTROL COMMUNICABLE DIS-**
4 **EASES.**

5 Section 361(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42
6 U.S.C. 264(a)) is amended by striking “The Surgeon Gen-
7 eral,” and all that follows through “may be necessary.”
8 at the end and inserting the following: “To prevent the
9 introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable dis-
10 eases from foreign countries into the States or posses-
11 sions, or from one State or possession into any other State
12 or possession, the Secretary may make and enforce regula-
13 tions under this section—

14 “(1) for the measures authorized under sub-
15 sections (b) through (d); or

16 “(2) to provide for such inspection, fumigation,
17 disinfection, sanitation, pest extermination, or de-
18 struction of animals or articles found to be so in-
19 fected or contaminated as to be sources of dangerous
20 infection to human beings.”.

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