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H. R. 3837

To amend the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to delegate primary responsibility for maintaining the Strategic National Stockpile to the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS 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 “Improving Public
5 Health Preparedness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMIN-**
2 **ISTERING THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCK-**
3 **PILE TO ASPR.**

4 (a) TRANSFER.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 319F–2(a)(1) of the
6 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–
7 6b(a)(1)) is amended by striking “The Secretary, in
8 collaboration with the Assistant Secretary for Pre-
9 paredness and Response and the Director of the
10 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and in
11 coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
12 rity” and inserting “The Secretary, acting through
13 the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Re-
14 sponse, in coordination with the Director of the Cen-
15 ters for Disease Control and Prevention and the
16 Secretary of Homeland Security”.

17 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
18 319F–2(a)(3)(E) of the Public Health Service Act
19 (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(a)(3)(E)) is amended by strik-
20 ing “the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and
21 Response,”.

22 (3) PILOT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT STATE MED-
23 ICAL STOCKPILES.—Section 319F–2(i)(1) of the
24 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(i)(1))
25 is amended by striking “The Secretary, in consulta-
26 tion with the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness

1 and Response and the Director of the Centers for
2 Disease Control and Prevention” and inserting “The
3 Secretary, acting through the Assistant Secretary
4 for Preparedness and Response, in consultation with
5 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
6 Prevention”.

7 (4) TRANSITION.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services shall take such actions as may be
9 necessary to ensure that, not later than 180 days
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the amend-
11 ments made by this subsection are fully imple-
12 mented, including any necessary transfer of per-
13 sonnel and resources.

14 (b) ASPR AUTHORITIES.—

15 (1) ADDITIONAL COORDINATION DUTY.—Sec-
16 tion 2811(b)(4) of the Public Health Service Act (42
17 U.S.C. 247d–6b(b)) is amended by adding at the
18 end the following:

19 “(K) STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE.—

20 Coordinate with the Director of the Centers for
21 Disease Control and Prevention and the Sec-
22 retary of Homeland Security regarding the
23 maintenance and operation of, and procurement
24 and contracting related to, the Strategic Na-
25 tional Stockpile under section 319F–2.”.

1 (2) ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 2811(c)(2) of
3 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
4 247d–6b(c)(2)) is amended—

5 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
6 (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (F) and
7 (G), respectively; and

8 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph
9 (D) the following:

10 “(E) the Strategic National Stockpile pur-
11 suant to section 319F–2;”.

12 (B) CONFORMING CHANGE.—Section
13 2811(c)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42
14 U.S.C. 247d–6b(c)(3)) is amended—

15 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
16 “and” after the semicolon;

17 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B); and

18 (iii) by redesignating subparagraph
19 (C) as subparagraph (B).

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