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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Mr. Burgess (for himself, Mr. Terry, Mrs. Miller of Michigan, Mr. Towns, Mr. Shimkus, Mr. Ross of Arkansas, Mr. Gingrey of Georgia, Mr. Engel, Mr. Pallone, Mr. Payne, Mr. Rogers of Michigan, Mrs. Myrick, Mr. Butterfield, Mr. McCotter, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Runyan, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Scalise, Mr. Lee of New York, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Latta, Mr. Stearns, Mr. Whitfield, and Mr. Dold) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Dental Emergency Re-
ponder Act of 2011”.
SEC. 2. DENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONDERS: PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESPONSE.

(a) NATIONAL HEALTH SECURITY STRATEGY.—Section 2802(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–1(b)(3)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “and which may include dental health facilities” after “mental health facilities”; and

(2) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “(which may include such dental health assets)” after “medical assets”.

(b) ALL-HAZARDS PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESPONSE CURRICULA AND TRAINING.—Section 319F(a)(5)(B) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6(a)(5)(B)) is amended by striking “public health or medical” and inserting “public health, medical, or dental”.

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