IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2011

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 the roles of dentists and allied dental personnel in the Nation’s disaster response framework, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Dental Emergency Responder 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”.

Passed the House of Representatives March 8, 2011.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS, Clerk.