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AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

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 “Poison Center Network
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF POISON CONTROL CENTERS**
5 **NATIONAL TOLL-FREE NUMBER.**

6 Section 1271 of the Public Health Service Act (42
7 U.S.C. 300d–71) is amended by striking subsection (b)
8 and inserting the following:

9 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
11 \$700,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019 for
12 the maintenance of the nationwide toll free phone number
13 under subsection (a).”.

14 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONWIDE MEDIA CAM-**
15 **PAIGN TO PROMOTE POISON CONTROL CEN-**
16 **TER UTILIZATION.**

17 Section 1272 of the Public Health Service Act (42
18 U.S.C. 300d–72) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (c)(2), by striking the comma
20 after “Congress”; and

21 (2) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
22 following:

23 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
25 \$800,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.”.

1 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE POISON CONTROL CEN-**
2 **TER GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1273 of the Public Health
4 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–73) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking “certified” and inserting
7 “accredited”; and

8 (B) by striking “certification” and insert-
9 ing “accreditation”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “estab-
12 lish” and inserting “research, establish, imple-
13 ment,”;

14 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4)
15 through (7) as paragraphs (5) through (8);

16 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3), the
17 following:

18 “(4) to research, improve, and enhance the
19 communications and response capability and capac-
20 ity of the nation’s network of poison control centers
21 to facilitate increased access to the centers through
22 the integration and modernization of the current
23 poison control centers communications and data sys-
24 tem, including enhancing the network’s telephony,
25 Internet, data and social networking technologies;”;

1 (D) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated),
2 by striking “paragraph (4)” and inserting
3 “paragraph (5)”; and

4 (E) in paragraph (8) (as so redesignated),
5 by striking “and respond” and inserting “and
6 Internet communications, and to sustain and
7 enhance the poison control center’s network ca-
8 pability to respond”;
9 (3) in subsection (c)—

10 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
11 “CERTIFICATION” and inserting “ACCREDITA-
12 TION”;

13 (B) by striking “certified” each place that
14 such term appears and inserting “accredited”;
15 and

16 (C) by striking “certification” each place
17 that such term appears and inserting “accredi-
18 tation”;

19 (4) in subsection (d)—

20 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
21 “CERTIFICATION” and inserting “ACCREDITA-
22 TION”;

23 (B) in paragraph (1)—

24 (i) by striking “the certification” and
25 inserting “the accreditation”;

1 (ii) by striking “a noncertified” and
2 inserting “a nonaccredited”; and

3 (iii) by striking “a certification” and
4 inserting “an accreditation”; and

5 (C) in paragraph (3)—

6 (i) by striking the last sentence; and

7 (ii) by striking “exceed 5 years.” and
8 inserting the following “exceed—

9 “(A) 5 years; or

10 “(B) in the case of a nonaccredited poison
11 control center operating pursuant to a waiver
12 under this subsection as of October 1, 2014, 6
13 years.”;

14 (5) in subsection (f), by striking “for activities
15 of the center” and inserting “for its activities”; and

16 (6) by striking subsection (g) and inserting the
17 following:

18 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
20 \$28,600,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.
21 The Secretary may utilize an amount not to exceed 6 per-
22 cent of the amount appropriated under this preceding sen-
23 tence in each fiscal year for coordination, dissemination,
24 technical assistance, program evaluation, data activities,
25 and other program administration functions, which are de-

1 terminated by the Secretary to be appropriate for carrying
2 out the program under this section.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act and shall apply to grants made on or
6 after October 1, 2014.

Passed the House of Representatives January 8,
2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.