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# H. R. 8153

To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to maternal vaccination awareness and equity, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2026

Ms. SEWELL (for herself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BELL, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONAWAY, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. FIGURES, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mrs. GRIJALVA, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. IVEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LATIMER, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MENEFEE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SOTO, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. VEASEY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Ms. MENG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Maternal Vaccination  
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MATERNAL VACCINATION AWARENESS AND EQUITY**  
5 **CAMPAIGN.**

6 (a) CAMPAIGN.—Section 313 of the Public Health  
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 245) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “and among  
9 pregnant and postpartum individuals,” after “low  
10 rates of vaccination,”;

11 (2) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “prenatal  
12 and pediatric” and inserting “prenatal, obstetric,  
13 and pediatric”;

14 (3) in subsection (d)(4)(B), by inserting “preg-  
15 nant and postpartum individuals and” after “includ-  
16 ing”; and

17 (4) in subsection (g), by striking “\$15,000,000  
18 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025” and in-  
19 serting “\$17,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027  
20 through 2031”.

21 (b) ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Section 317(k)(1)(E)  
22 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
23 247b(k)(1)(E)) is amended—

24 (1) in clause (v), by striking “and” at the end;  
25 and

26 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1                   “(vii) increase vaccination rates of  
2                   pregnant and postpartum individuals, in-  
3                   cluding individuals from racial and ethnic  
4                   minority groups, and their children; and”.

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