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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study to assess barriers to pain management methods during gynecologic procedures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ANSARI (for herself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BELL, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mrs. GRIJALVA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. ROSS, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. WILSON of Florida) 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 “Gynecologic Pain Man-
5 agement Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON BARRIERS TO PAIN MANAGEMENT METH-**
2 **ODS DURING GYNECOLOGIC PROCEDURES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services shall conduct a comprehensive study to
5 assess barriers to health care providers offering, and pa-
6 tients accessing, pain management methods during
7 gynecologic procedures (such as whether lack of access is
8 related to insurance coverage, training, or resources
9 issues). Such study shall include a review of current lit-
10 erature and, if necessary, new research.

11 (b) STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT.—In conducting
12 the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult
13 with relevant stakeholders, including—

- 14 (1) patients and patient advocacy organizations;
15 (2) licensed reproductive health care providers;
16 (3) professional medical societies;
17 (4) public health experts;
18 (5) health equity experts representing
19 marginalized communities; and
20 (6) medical device manufacturers and
21 innovators.

22 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 24 months after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
24 to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
25 of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Edu-

1 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report that
2 includes—

3 (1) the findings of the study under subsection
4 (a); and

5 (2) any recommendations for administrative or
6 legislative action.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) PAIN MANAGEMENT METHODS.—The term
9 “pain management methods” means methods or
10 strategies to prevent, reduce, or manage physical
11 pain associated with a medical procedure.

12 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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