

107TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3472

To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to designated eligible entities for the design and implementation of innovative models of patient care that are conducive to retention and recruitment of nurses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2001

Mr. MURTHA 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 “Patient Care Innova-
5 tion Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE MODELS OF PATIENT**
2 **CARE THAT ARE CONDUCTIVE TO RETENTION**
3 **AND RECRUITMENT OF NURSES.**

4 Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 **“PART H—INNOVATIVE MODELS OF PATIENT**
8 **CARE**
9 **“SEC. 851. GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE MODELS OF PATIENT**
10 **CARE.**

11 “(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary shall make
12 grants to designated eligible entities for the design and
13 implementation of innovative models of patient care that
14 provide high quality patient care, recognize and effectively
15 use the professional competencies of nurses, and create
16 workplace environments conducive to retention and re-
17 cruitment of nurses.

18 “(b) **DESIGNATED ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—In this sec-
19 tion, the term ‘designated eligible entity’ means an eligible
20 entity that is a public or nonprofit hospital, hospice, home
21 health agency, skilled nursing facility, nursing home, or
22 home care system.

23 “(c) **PRIORITY.**—In making grants under subsection
24 (a), the Secretary shall give priority to grants to carry
25 out innovative models of patient care to be designed and

1 implemented with the involvement of direct patient care
2 givers.

3 “(d) REPRESENTATION.—In making grants under
4 subsection (a), the Secretary shall ensure that the innova-
5 tive models of patient care assisted under the grants
6 represent—

7 “(1) an equitable balance between rural and
8 urban needs; and

9 “(2) the full continuum of designated eligible
10 entities listed in subsection (b).

11 “(e) APPLICATION.—A grant may be made under
12 subsection (a) only if an application for the grant is sub-
13 mitted to the Secretary and the application is in such
14 form, is made in such manner, and contains such agree-
15 ments, assurances, and information as the Secretary de-
16 termines to be necessary to carry out this section.

17 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
18 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
19 to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years
20 2003 through 2007.”.

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