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# H. R. 3282

To establish the Healthy America Commission.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To establish the Healthy America Commission.

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 “Healthy America Com-  
5       mission Act of 2003”.

6       **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7       There is established a commission to be known as the  
8       “Healthy America Commission” (in this Act referred to  
9       as the “Commission”) .

10       **SEC. 3. DUTIES OF COMMISSION.**

11       The Commission shall conduct a study and, under  
12       section 6(b), submit a report on the following:

1           (1) The total predicted societal costs of prevent-  
2           able diseases in the United States, disaggregated by  
3           the incidence and societal costs of each such disease.

4           (2) The Federal Government's share of paying  
5           for the total predicted societal costs of preventable  
6           diseases in the United States during, at a minimum,  
7           the next 20 years.

8           (3) The impact of preventable disease on society  
9           relative to the quality and affordability of health  
10          care.

11          (4) The estimated costs and likely long-term  
12          savings resulting from a long-term disease preven-  
13          tion program, taking into consideration a series of  
14          scenarios regarding the program's scope and effec-  
15          tiveness.

16          (5) Economic and other incentives throughout  
17          society for encouraging behavioral changes and per-  
18          sonal responsibility.

19          (6) Cost-benefit ratios for a broad series of dis-  
20          ease prevention initiatives, including how far-reach-  
21          ing each initiative would be.

22          (7) Target goals against which the Nation's  
23          progress under a long-term disease prevention pro-  
24          gram may be measured based on biannual achieve-  
25          ment evaluations.

1           (8) Procedures for monitoring the Nation's  
2           progress under a long-term disease prevention pro-  
3           gram and changes that may need to be made as the  
4           program proceeds.

5           (9) Whether a series of pilot demonstration pro-  
6           grams of various intensities should be undertaken  
7           before initiating a full-scale, comprehensive long-  
8           term disease prevention program for the Nation.

9           (10) The efficiency of existing disease preven-  
10          tion programs and any corresponding need for ex-  
11          panded efforts.

12 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

13          (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Commission  
14          shall be composed of 11 members, appointed by the Presi-  
15          dent in consultation with the Speaker and the minority  
16          leader of the House of Representatives and the majority  
17          leader and the minority leader of the Senate.

18          (b) TERMS.—Each member of the Commission shall  
19          serve for the life of the Commission.

20          (c) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the membership of  
21          the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the  
22          original appointment was made.

23          (d) PAY.—Each member of the Commission shall be  
24          paid at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the min-  
25          imum annual rate of basic pay payable for level IV of the

1 Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United  
2 States Code, for each day (including travel time) during  
3 which the member is engaged in the actual performance  
4 of duties vested in the Commission.

5 (e) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the Com-  
6 mission shall receive travel expenses, including per diem  
7 in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable provi-  
8 sions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United  
9 States Code.

10 (f) CHAIRPERSON.—The President shall designate  
11 the Chairperson of the Commission from among the 11  
12 members of the Commission.

13 (g) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Commission  
14 may procure temporary and intermittent services, which  
15 may include the services of the Rand Corporation, under  
16 section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code.

17 (h) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the  
18 call of the Chairperson or a majority of its members.

19 **SEC. 5. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

20 (a) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Commission  
21 may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act, hold hear-  
22 ings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and  
23 receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate.

24 (b) POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.—Any mem-  
25 ber or agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the

1 Commission, take any action which the Commission is au-  
2 thorized to take by this section.

3 (c) **MAILS.**—The Commission may use the United  
4 States mails in the same manner and under the same con-  
5 ditions as other departments and agencies of the United  
6 States.

7 (d) **STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.**—Upon the re-  
8 quest of the Commission, the head of any Federal depart-  
9 ment or agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any  
10 of the personnel of that department or agency to the Com-  
11 mission to assist it in carrying out its duties under this  
12 Act.

13 (e) **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.**—Upon  
14 the request of the Commission, the Administrator of Gen-  
15 eral Services shall provide to the Commission, on a reim-  
16 bursable basis, the administrative support services nec-  
17 essary for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities  
18 under this Act.

19 (f) **GIFTS, BEQUESTS, AND DEVISES.**—To the extent  
20 or in the amounts provided in advance in appropriations  
21 Acts, the Commission may accept, use, and dispose of  
22 gifts, bequests, and devises of services or property, both  
23 real and personal, for the purpose of aiding or facilitating  
24 the work of the Commission. Gifts, bequests, or devises  
25 of money and proceeds from sales of other property re-

1 ceived as gifts, bequests, or devises shall be deposited in  
2 the Treasury and shall be available for disbursement upon  
3 order of the Commission.

4 **SEC. 6. REPORTS.**

5 (a) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 12 months  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commis-  
7 sion shall submit to the Congress, the President, and the  
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services an interim re-  
9 port that contains such information as the Commission  
10 considers appropriate.

11 (b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the  
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall  
13 submit a final report to the Congress, the President, and  
14 the Secretary of Health and Human Services that contains  
15 a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the  
16 Commission, together with its recommendations for such  
17 legislation and administrative action as the Commission  
18 considers appropriate.

19 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION.**

20 The Commission shall terminate 90 days after sub-  
21 mitting its final report under section 6(b).

1 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
3 this Act \$7,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2005  
4 through 2007.

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