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S. 1028

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Men's Health.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAPO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Men’s Health Act of
5 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) A silent health crisis is affecting the health
9 and well-being of America’s men.

1 (2) While this health crisis is of particular con-
2 cern to men, it is also a concern for women regard-
3 ing their fathers, husbands, sons, and brothers.

4 (3) Men's health is a concern for employers who
5 pay the costs of medical care, and lose productive
6 employees.

7 (4) Men's health is a concern to Federal and
8 State governments which absorb the enormous costs
9 of premature death and disability, including the
10 costs of caring for dependents left behind.

11 (5) The life expectancy gap between men and
12 women has increased from one year in 1920 to al-
13 most six years in 2001.

14 (6) Prostate cancer is the most frequently diag-
15 nosed cancer in the United States among men, ac-
16 counting for 30 percent of all cancer cases in men.

17 (7) An estimated 180,000 men will be newly di-
18 agnosed with prostate cancer this year alone, and
19 over 30,000 will die.

20 (8) Prostate cancer rates increase sharply with
21 age, and more than 70 percent of such cases are di-
22 agnosed in men age 65 and older.

23 (9) The incidence of prostate cancer is signifi-
24 cantly higher in African-American men and the re-
25 sulting mortality rate is twice that in white men.

1 (10) An estimated 7,500 men, ages 15 to 40,
2 will be diagnosed this year with testicular cancer,
3 and 400 of these men will die of this disease in
4 2003. A common reason for delay in treatment of
5 this disease is a delay in seeking medical attention
6 after discovering a testicular mass.

7 (11) According to the Centers for Disease Con-
8 trol and Prevention, the rate of doctor visits for such
9 reasons as annual examinations and preventive serv-
10 ices is 100 percent higher for women more than for
11 men.

12 (12) Appropriate use of tests such as prostate
13 specific antigen (PSA) exams and blood pressure,
14 blood sugar, and cholesterol screens, in conjunction
15 with clinical exams and self-testing, can result in the
16 early detection of many problems and in increased
17 survival rates.

18 (13) Educating men, their families, and health
19 care providers about the importance of early detec-
20 tion of male health problems can result in reducing
21 rates of mortality for male-specific diseases, as well
22 as improve the health of America's men and its over-
23 all economic well-being.

24 (14) Recent scientific studies have shown that
25 regular medical exams, preventive screenings, reg-

1 ular exercise, and healthy eating habits can help
 2 save lives.

3 (15) Establishing an Office of Men’s Health is
 4 needed to investigate these findings and take such
 5 further actions as may be needed to promote men’s
 6 health.

7 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF MEN’S HEALTH.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XVII of the Public Health
 9 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u et seq.) is amended by adding
 10 at the end the following:

11 “OFFICE OF MEN’S HEALTH

12 “SEC. 1711. The Secretary shall establish within the
 13 Department of Health and Human Services an office to
 14 be known as the Office of Men’s Health, which shall be
 15 headed by a director appointed by the Secretary. The Sec-
 16 retary, acting through the Director of the Office, shall co-
 17 ordinate and promote the status of men’s health in the
 18 United States.”.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
 20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
 21 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Office
 22 of Men’s Health, shall submit to the Congress a report
 23 describing the activities of such Office, including findings
 24 that the Director has made regarding men’s health.

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