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To require that the recommended national protocol for sexual assault medical forensic examinations include a recommendation that rape victims be offered information about emergency contraceptives to prevent pregnancy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. WATSON, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. LEE, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. WATERS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. FARR, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. BERMAN, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WU, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. CROWLEY, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Best Help for Rape
3 Victims Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED ELEMENT OF NATIONAL PROTOCOL FOR**
5 **SEXUAL ASSAULT MEDICAL FORENSIC EX-**
6 **AMINATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1405 of the Violence
8 Against Women Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg note) is
9 amended—

10 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
11 section (e); and

12 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
13 lowing new subsection:

14 “(d) REQUIRED ELEMENT OF PROTOCOL.—The na-
15 tional protocol required by subsection (a)(3) shall include
16 a recommendation to the effect that a victim of sexual as-
17 sault who is at risk of pregnancy from rape—

18 “(1) should be offered information about emer-
19 gency contraception; and

20 “(2) should, if the victim so requests, be pro-
21 vided with emergency contraception on site.”.

22 (b) IMPLEMENTATION TO PROTOCOL ALREADY
23 ISSUED.—The Attorney General shall ensure that any
24 protocol already issued under section 1405(a)(3) of the Vi-
25 olence Against Women Act of 2000 is, not later than 30
26 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, revised

- 1 and reissued in a form that complies with section 1405(d)
- 2 of that Act (as added by subsection (a)(2) of this section).

