

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1987

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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. INCREASE IN NUMBER OF POLITICAL SUBDIVI-**  
2 **SIONS DIRECTLY RECEIVING AWARDS UNDER**  
3 **PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING STATE AND**  
4 **LOCAL PREPAREDNESS FOR BIOTERRORISM**  
5 **AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES.**

6 Section 319C–1(b)(2) of the Public Health Service  
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–3a(b)(2)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “COORDINATION” and all that  
9 follows through “An award” and inserting the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(2) CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING POLIT-  
12 ICAL SUBDIVISIONS.—

13 “(A) COORDINATION WITH STATEWIDE  
14 PLANS.—An award”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(B) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF DIRECT  
17 AWARDS.—The Secretary may increase, relative  
18 to fiscal year 2005, the number of political sub-  
19 divisions or consortia that receive awards pur-  
20 suant to paragraph (1)(B), with priority given  
21 to political subdivisions that have a substantial  
22 number of residents and face a high degree of  
23 risk from bioterrorist attacks or other public  
24 health emergencies.”.