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# H. R. 1440

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOSSELLA (for himself and Mr. HILL) 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,*

**3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Men’s Health Act of  
5       2007”.

**6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds as follows:

8           (1) Risks to the health and well-being of Amer-  
9       ica’s men are on the rise due to a lack of education,

1        awareness, and pursuit of preventive screening and  
2        care.

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

6            (3) Men's health is important to employers who  
7        pay the costs of medical care and lose productive  
8        employees.

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

13           (5) The life expectancy gap between men and  
14       women has increased from one year in 1920 to al-  
15       most six years in 2002.

16           (6) Prostate cancer is the most frequently diag-  
17       nosed cancer in the United States among men, ac-  
18       counting for 33 percent of all cancer cases.

19           (7) An estimated 230,000 men will be newly di-  
20       agnosed with prostate cancer this year alone, and  
21       approximately 30,000 will die.

22           (8) Prostate cancer rates increase sharply with  
23       age, and more than 75 percent of such cases are di-  
24       agnosed in men age 65 and older.

1 (9) The incidence of prostate cancer and the re-  
2 sulting mortality rate in African American men is  
3 twice that in white men.

4 (10) It is estimated that in 2007, 115,000 men  
5 will be diagnosed with lung cancer, and another  
6 90,000 of America's men will die from it.

19 (13) Studies show that women are 100 percent  
20 more likely than men to visit a doctor, have regular  
21 physician check-ups, and obtain preventive screening  
22 tests for serious diseases.

(14) Appropriate use of tests such as prostate specific antigen (PSA) exams and blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol screens, in conjunction

1 with clinical exams and self-testing, can result in the  
2 early detection of many problems and in increased  
3 survival rates.

4 (15) Educating men, their families, and health  
5 care providers about the importance of early detec-  
6 tion of male health problems can reduce mortality  
7 rates for male-specific disease and improve the over-  
8 all health and well-being of America's men.

9 (16) Recent scientific studies show that regular  
10 medical exams, preventive screenings, regular exer-  
11 cise, and healthy eating habits can help save lives.

12 (17) Establishing an Office of Men's Health is  
13 needed to investigate these findings and take such  
14 further actions as may be needed to promote men's  
15 health.

**16 SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF MEN'S HEALTH.**

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

20 "OFFICE OF MEN'S HEALTH

21 "SEC. 1711. (a) The Secretary shall establish within  
22 the Department of Health and Human Services an office  
23 to be known as the Office of Men's Health (in this section  
24 referred to as the 'Office'), which shall be headed by a  
25 director appointed by the Secretary.

1       “(b) The Secretary, acting through the Director of  
2 the Office, shall—

3           “(1) conduct or support programs and activities  
4 to improve the state of men’s health in the United  
5 States; and

6           “(2) provide for consultation among the offices  
7 and agencies of the Department of Health and  
8 Human Services for the purpose of coordinating pro-  
9 grams and activities relating to men’s health.”.

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

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