

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2468

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for activities to increase the awareness and knowledge of health care providers and women with respect to ovarian and cervical cancer, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2007

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CLAY, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. SUTTON, Ms. SHEA-POR-TER, and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Ovarian and Cervical
5 Cancer Awareness Act of 2007”.

6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) Ovarian and cervical cancers are among the
2 most destructive gynecological forms of cancer.

5 (3) The main methods used to screen for ovarian
6 cancer are pelvic exams, ultrasounds, Pap
7 smears, and blood tests such as cancer antigen-125
8 (“CA-125”).

9 (4) Most women who develop invasive cervical
10 cancer have not had regular cervical cancer screen-
11 ing.

12 SEC. 3. PURPOSES.

13 The purposes of this Act are the following:

14 (1) Raising awareness about ovarian and cer-
15 vical cancers.

24 (3) Promotion of early detection methods for
25 ovarian and cervical cancer.

**7 SEC. 4. INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF OVARIAN AND
8 CERVICAL CANCER.**

9 Section 317P(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42
10 U.S.C. 247b-17(d); commonly referred to as “Johanna’s
11 Law”) is amended—

16 (2) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
17 following:

18 “(D) LOW-INCOME WOMEN.—Activities
19 under the national campaign under subparagraph
20 (A) shall include public service announce-
21 ments under subparagraph (C) targeted to low-
22 income women.”.

23 SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

24 It is the sense of the Congress that funding by the
25 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of gynecologic

- 1 cancer education and awareness efforts should reflect the
- 2 fact that ovarian and cervical cancers are the most deadly
- 3 of the gynecologic cancers.

