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# H. R. 2999

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor, and Pensions

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## AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and increase the number of veterinarians trained in veterinary public health.

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 “Veterinary Public  
3 Health Amendments Act of 2010”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH IN**  
5 **CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE PRO-**  
6 **VISIONS.**

7 (a) PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE GRANTS.—Sub-  
8 sections (b)(1)(A) and (d)(6) of section 765 of the Public  
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295) are amended by in-  
10 serting “veterinary public health,” after “preventive medi-  
11 cine,” each place it appears.

12 (b) PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE LOAN REPAY-  
13 MENT PROGRAM.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraphs (A) and (B)  
15 of section 776(b)(1) of the Public Health Service  
16 Act (42 U.S.C. 295f–1(b)(1)) are amended by strik-  
17 ing “public health or health professions degree or  
18 certificate” each place it appears and inserting  
19 “public health (including veterinary public health) or  
20 health professions degree or certificate”.

21 (2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Subparagraph  
22 (A) of section 776(b)(1) of the Public Health Service  
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 295f–1(b)(1)) is amended by adding  
24 “or” at the end.

1 (c) DEFINITION.—Section 799B of the Public Health  
2 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p) is amended by adding at  
3 the end the following:

4 “(27) VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH.—The  
5 term ‘veterinary public health’ includes veterinarians  
6 engaged in one or more of the following areas to the  
7 extent such areas have an impact on human health:  
8 biodefense and emergency preparedness, emerging  
9 and reemerging infectious diseases, environmental  
10 health, ecosystem health, pre- and post-harvest food  
11 protection, regulatory medicine, diagnostic labora-  
12 tory medicine, veterinary pathology, biomedical re-  
13 search, the practice of food animal medicine in rural  
14 areas, and government practice.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 30  
(legislative day September 29), 2010.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*