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H. R. 5841

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish public-private partnerships for the treatment and research of post-traumatic stress disorder.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE**
4 **TREATMENT AND RESEARCH OF POST-TRAU-**
5 **MATIC STRESS DISORDER.**

6 (a) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.—Subject to
7 the availability of appropriations for such purpose, the
8 Secretary of Veterans Affairs may seek to enter into
9 agreements with entities described in subsection (b) to col-
10 laborate on one or more of the following:

1 (1) Treating veterans with post-traumatic
2 stress disorder.

3 (2) Researching the causes of post-traumatic
4 stress disorder.

5 (3) Researching innovative treatments of post-
6 traumatic stress disorder.

7 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity described in this
8 subsection is a university, hospital, or other similar entity
9 that treats or researches post-traumatic stress disorder.

10 (c) APPLICATION.—In order to enter into an agree-
11 ment under subsection (a), an entity described in sub-
12 section (b) shall submit to the Secretary an application
13 in such form and containing such information as the Sec-
14 retary may require.

15 (d) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary shall
16 include in an agreement entered into under subsection (a)
17 policies regarding the ownership of any intellectual prop-
18 erty developed as a result of research conducted under
19 such agreement.

20 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority under this section
21 shall expire on September 30, 2013.

22 (f) POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.—In this
23 section, the term “post-traumatic stress disorder” includes
24 mental health disorders directly caused by the non-diag-

1 nosis, misdiagnosis, non-treatment, or mistreatment of
2 post-traumatic stress disorder.

3 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011, 2012, and
6 2013.

