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To improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National
Institutes of Health.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2013

Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) introduced the fol-
lowing bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research
at the National Institutes of Health.

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. IMPROVING REHABILITATION RESEARCH AT**
4 **NIH.**

5 Section 452 of the Public Health Service Act (42
6 U.S.C. 285g-4) is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading by striking “MED-
8 ICAL”;

9 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “Medical”;

1 (3) in subsection (c)(1)(C), by striking “of the
2 National” and inserting “within the National”;

3 (4) in subsection (d)(4), by inserting “, or at
4 least every 5 years,” after “periodically,”; and

5 (5) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(g) The Secretary may establish a working group
7 made up of representatives from various Institutes and
8 Centers, as appropriate, within the National Institutes of
9 Health to update and streamline rehabilitation research
10 priorities at the National Institutes of Health.

11 “(h) The Secretary may enter into inter-agency
12 agreements relating to the coordination of rehabilitation
13 research conducted by agencies outside of the Department
14 of Health and Human Services.

15 “(i) For purposes of this section, the term ‘rehabilita-
16 tion’ means the science of mechanisms and interventions
17 that prevent, improve, restore or replace lost, under-
18 developed, or deteriorating function (defined at the level
19 of impairment, activity, and participation according to the
20 WHO–ICF Model).”.

21 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF REHABILITA-**
22 **TION RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS.**

23 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
24 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services
25 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress

- 1 a report concerning the feasibility of implementing the
- 2 changes proposed in the Blue Ribbon Panel Recommenda-
- 3 tions on Rehabilitation Research.

