

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2479

To amend the Public Health Service Act to expand access to prescription drug monitoring programs.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. COATS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Expanding Access to  
5 Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES MONITORING PRO-**  
7 **GRAMS.**

8 (a) HHS GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 399O(c) of the  
9 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280g–3(c)) is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

1           “(6) CONDITION ON RECEIPT OF FUNDS.—Sub-  
2       ject to subsections (f) and (g), each State that re-  
3       ceives a grant under this section shall demonstrate  
4       that relevant prescription information in the pre-  
5       scription drug monitoring program maintained by  
6       the State is made available to all individuals author-  
7       ized by the State to write prescriptions for Schedule  
8       II, III, and IV controlled substances.”.

9       (b) HAROLD ROGERS PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONI-  
10      TORING PROGRAM.—In order to receive grant funds under  
11      the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program  
12      established under the Departments of Commerce, Justice,  
13      and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropria-  
14      tions Act, 2002 (Public Law 107–77; 115 Stat. 748), a  
15      State shall demonstrate that relevant prescription infor-  
16      mation in the prescription drug monitoring program main-  
17      tained by the State is made available to all individuals au-  
18      thorized by the State to write prescriptions for Schedule  
19      II, III, and IV controlled substances.

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