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# H. R. 4075

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to require certain training as a condition of registration to prescribe or dispense opioids for the treatment of pain or pain management, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2017

Mr. NORCROSS (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Mr. MACARTHUR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Improve Addiction  
5 Education Act of 2017”.

1   **SEC. 2. PRACTITIONER EDUCATION ON ADDICTION MAN-**

2                   **AGEMENT.**

3                 Section 303(f) of the Controlled Substances Act (21

4 U.S.C. 823(f)) is amended—

5                   (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through

6                   (5) as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respectively;

7                   (2) by striking “(f) The Attorney General” and

8                   inserting “(f)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the At-

9                   torney General”; and

10                  (3) by adding at the end the following:

11                 “(2)(A) To be registered under paragraph (1) to pre-

12 scribe or otherwise dispense a controlled substance in

13 schedule II or III for the treatment of pain, or pain man-

14 agement, a practitioner (other than a hospital, a phar-

15 macy, or a veterinarian) shall complete education or train-

16 ing on pain management that conforms to the regulations

17 promulgated under subparagraph (B).

18                 “(B)(i) Not later than 9 months after the date of en-

19 actment of the Improve Addiction Education Act of 2017,

20 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services

21 Administration shall promulgate final regulations on the

22 education or training required by subparagraph (A).

23                 “(ii) Such regulations shall address—

24                   “(I) the content of education or training re-

25 quired by this paragraph; and

1           “(II) the process for the certification of edu-  
2       cation or training as meeting the requirements of  
3       this paragraph.

4           “(iii) To meet the requirements of this paragraph,  
5       education or training shall—

6           “(I) be not fewer than 12 hours;

7           “(II) consist of education or training on pain  
8       management through classroom situations, seminars  
9       at professional society meetings, electronic commu-  
10      nications, or otherwise; and

11          “(III) include education or training on safe-pre-  
12       scribing for opioid-addicted patients, detection and  
13       diversion of addicted patients, and safe prescribing  
14       for pain.

15          “(C) The Administrator of the Health Resources and  
16       Services Administration shall—

17          “(i) disseminate information about the edu-  
18       cation or training required by subparagraph (A),  
19       and the regulations promulgated under subpara-  
20       graph (B), to eligible providers of such education  
21       and training, including schools of medicine;

22          “(ii) post such information on the public  
23       website of the Department of Health and Human  
24       Services; and

1           “(iii) develop an online program of education or  
2        training on pain management that conforms to the  
3        regulations promulgated under subparagraph (B),  
4        offer such education or training to practitioners  
5        seeking to register or maintain their registration  
6        under paragraph (1), and issue certificates to practi-  
7        tioners who successfully complete the education or  
8        training.

9           “(D) To carry out this paragraph, there is authorized  
10      to be appropriated \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
11      2018 through 2027.

12          “(E) Subparagraph (A) shall—  
13            “(i) apply beginning on the day that is 45  
14        months after the date of enactment of the Improve  
15        Addiction Education Act of 2017; and  
16            “(ii) cease to apply at the end of fiscal year  
17        2027.”.

