

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4769

To amend the Public Health Service Act to increase awareness about the treatment referral routing service of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2018

Mr. MARINO (for himself and Ms. BASS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Helping Americans
5 Seek Treatment Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT REFERRAL SERVICES OF THE SUB-**
 2 **STANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERV-**
 3 **ICES ADMINISTRATION.**

4 (a) INCREASING AWARENESS ABOUT TREATMENT
 5 REFERRAL SERVICE.—Section 501(d) of the Public
 6 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290aa(d)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (24)(E), by striking “and” at
 8 the end;

9 (2) in paragraph (25), by striking the period at
 10 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

12 “(26) conduct a national public awareness cam-
 13 paign to increase awareness about the treatment re-
 14 ferral routing service of the Administration, includ-
 15 ing the toll-free telephone number for accessing such
 16 service and the types of information provided
 17 through such service to address substance use dis-
 18 orders.”.

19 (b) PRE-ARREST REFERRAL PROGRAMS.—Part A of
 20 title V of the Public Health Service Act is amended by
 21 inserting after section 506A of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 22 290aa–5a) the following:

23 **“SEC. 506B. PRE-ARREST REFERRAL PROGRAMS FOR INDIV-**
 24 **VIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.**

25 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall incorporate
 26 into the programs and services of the Administration, in-

1 cluding the treatment referral routing service of the Ad-
2 ministration, information on pre-arrest referral programs.

3 “(b) PRE-ARREST REFERRAL PROGRAM DEFINED.—

4 The term ‘pre-arrest referral program’ means a program
5 operated by a local law enforcement agency which permits
6 individuals with substance use disorders to seek assistance
7 at the law enforcement agency and provides assurances
8 to such individuals that they will not be subject to criminal
9 penalties related to such individual’s possession and use
10 of controlled substances, and which may include—

11 “(1) the provision of information related to
12 treatment centers for individuals with substance use
13 disorders, including such centers which provide fi-
14 nancial assistance to individuals who are not covered
15 by a health insurance policy;

16 “(2) case management and follow-up support
17 provided by law enforcement officers to individuals
18 who participate in the program; and

19 “(3) outreach to educate individuals with sub-
20 stance use disorders and their families about re-
21 sources and treatments options.”.

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