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H. R. 6142

To authorize a joint action plan and report on drug waste.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 19, 2018

Mr. DOGGETT 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 “Reducing Drug Waste
5 Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. JOINT ACTION PLAN AND REPORT ON DRUG WASTE.**

7 (a) JOINT ACTION PLAN.—The Secretary of Health
8 and Human Services, shall develop a joint action plan, in
9 consultation with stakeholders such as health care pro-
10 viders and patient advocates (including relevant Federal
11 advisory committees), that—

1 (1) utilizes data from Medicare claims on how
2 much of a single-use drug was not administered,
3 comparing single-use vial sizes in other settings such
4 as to other countries' health care systems, and
5 through analysis during the drug approval process of
6 alternative vial size safety and efficacy, to reduce
7 drug waste and better manage costs;

8 (2) includes quantifiable metrics and specific
9 timelines to adopt different vial sizes in addition to
10 those currently approved and marketed in the
11 United States in order to significantly reduce the
12 amount of drug discards, or waste, from single-use
13 vials; and

14 (3) includes options for how to better manage
15 costs, including new technologies related to capture
16 and storage, while ensuring patient access.

17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
18 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
19 Human Services shall submit to Congress the joint action
20 plan described in subsection (a) and a report containing
21 options for any legislative action needed to reduce drug
22 waste and better manage costs.

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