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H. R. 8137

To amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure accurate and timely reporting of smoking variants through updating the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 28, 2020

Mr. TRONE (for himself and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY) 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 “Accurate Reporting
5 of Smoking Variants Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
2 vention has reported 2,807 lung injuries and 68 con-
3 firmed deaths from vaping-related injuries.

4 (2) According to the 2019 National Youth To-
5 bacco Survey, over 5 million kids were reported to
6 be currently using electronic nicotine delivery sys-
7 tems (ENDS), or e-cigarettes.

8 (3) Repeated prolonged exposure to aerosols
9 found in e-cigarettes and vaping devices pose con-
10 siderable potential risk, the long-term health con-
11 sequences of which also remain to be determined.

12 **SEC. 3. ENSURING ACCURATE AND TIMELY REPORTING OF**
13 **SMOKING VARIANTS.**

14 (a) UPDATING THE FEDERAL HEALTH IT STRA-
15 TEGIC PLAN.—Section 3001(c)(3)(A) of the Public Health
16 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300jj–11(c)(3)(A)) is amended by
17 adding at the end the following new clause:

18 “(ix) Strategies to enable, through the
19 use of electronic health records, the accu-
20 rate and timely collection and use of infor-
21 mation on the use of electronic nicotine de-
22 livery systems, vaping, water pipes, and
23 other variations of smoking in the same
24 manner as, through such records, informa-
25 tion on smoking is collected and used.”.

1 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
3 Health and Human Services shall issue such regulations
4 as are necessary to carry out the amendment made by sub-
5 section (a).

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