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H. R. 8983

To increase compliance with PDMP requirements by veterinarians, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLS 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 “Practitioner Enforce-
5 ment and Tracking of Substances Act” or the “PETS
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. INCREASING COMPLIANCE WITH PDMP REQUIRE-**
8 **MENTS.**

9 (a) INCREASING COMPLIANCE BY VETERINARIANS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3990(h)(1) of the
2 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280g–3(h)(1))
3 is amended—

4 (A) by striking “Nothing in this section”
5 and inserting the following:

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as specified in
7 paragraph (2), nothing in this section”; and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(2) VETERINARY PATIENTS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall
11 not apply with respect to the authority of a
12 State to prohibit reporting to the PDMP of the
13 dispensing of a controlled substance to a minor
14 patient, if—

15 “(i) the prescribing or dispensing
16 practitioner is a veterinarian licensed in
17 such State; and

18 “(ii) the patient to whom the con-
19 trolled substance is prescribed or dispensed
20 is a veterinary patient.

21 “(B) INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED.—A
22 veterinarian described in subparagraph (A)
23 shall report to the PDMP, in lieu of informa-
24 tion required under this section relating to the
25 veterinary patient involved, such information re-

1 lating to the owner or primary caretaker of the
2 veterinary patient.”.

3 (2) DEFINITION OF DISPENSER.—Section
4 3990(k)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 280g–3(k)(3)) is amended by striking “physi-
6 cian,” and inserting “physician, veterinarian,”.

7 (3) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
8 Congress that, notwithstanding State law, a veteri-
9 narian is required to comply with the requirements
10 of section 3990 of the Public Health Service Act (42
11 U.S.C. 280g–3) with respect to consulting the
12 PDMP (as defined in section 3990(k) of the Public
13 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280g–3(k))) prior to
14 prescribing any controlled substance, and reporting
15 any dispensing of a controlled substance to the
16 PDMP to the same extent as any other practitioner
17 (as defined in subsection (k) of such section) is re-
18 quired to comply with such requirements.

19 (b) REPORTING OF NON-FATAL OVERDOSES.—Sec-
20 tion 3990(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
21 280g–3(b)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
23 end;

24 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
25 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

2 “(7) the reporting to the PDMP by each pre-
3 scribing or dispensing practitioner, or their designee,
4 of any instance of a non-fatal overdose event that re-
5 quired intervention by such practitioner (or des-
6 ignee), not later than 72 hours after such overdose
7 event occurred.”.

8 (c) DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE.—Section 3990(c)(2)
9 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280g–3(c)(2))
10 is amended by striking “may” and inserting “shall”.

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