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POISON CENTER NETWORK ACT

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An Act

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To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Poison Center Network Act.
42 USC 201 note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Poison Center Network Act".

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF POISON CONTROL CENTERS NATIONAL TOLL-FREE NUMBER.

Section 1271 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–71) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

"(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, $700,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019 for the maintenance of the nationwide toll free phone number under subsection (a).".

SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONWIDE MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE POISON CONTROL CENTER UTILIZATION.

Section 1272 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–72) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(2), by striking the comma after "Congress"; and

(2) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, $800,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.".

SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE POISON CONTROL CENTER GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1273 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–73) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "certified" and inserting "accredited"; and

(B) by striking "certification" and inserting "accreditation";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "establish" and inserting "research, establish, implement,";

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (7) as paragraphs (5) through (8);

(C) by inserting after paragraph (3), the following:

"(4) to research, improve, and enhance the communications and response capability and capacity of the nation's network of poison control centers to facilitate increased access to the centers through the integration and modernization of the current poison control centers communications and data system, including enhancing the network's telephony, Internet, data and social networking technologies;";

(D) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated), by striking "paragraph (4)" and inserting "paragraph (5)"; and

(E) in paragraph (8) (as so redesignated), by striking "and respond" and inserting "and Internet communications, and to sustain and enhance the poison control center's network capability to respond";

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking "CERTIFICATION" and inserting "ACCREDITATION";

(B) by striking "certified" each place that such term appears and inserting "accredited"; and

(C) by striking "certification" each place that such term appears and inserting "accreditation";

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking "CERTIFICATION" and inserting "ACCREDITATION";

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "the certification" and inserting "the accreditation";

(ii) by striking "a noncertified" and inserting "a nonaccredited"; and

(iii) by striking "a certification" and inserting "an accreditation"; and

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking the last sentence; and

(ii) by striking "exceed 5 years." and inserting the following "exceed—

"(A) 5 years; or

"(B) in the case of a nonaccredited poison control center operating pursuant to a waiver under this subsection as of October 1, 2014, 6 years.";

(5) in subsection (f), by striking "for activities of the center" and inserting "for its activities"; and

(6) by striking subsection (g) and inserting the following:

"(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, $28,600,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019. The Secretary may utilize an amount not to exceed 6 percent of the amount appropriated under this preceding sentence in each fiscal year for coordination, dissemination, technical assistance, program evaluation, data activities, and other program administration functions, which are determined by the Secretary to be appropriate for carrying out the program under this section.".

Applicability.
42 USC 300d–73 note.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to grants made on or after October 1, 2014.

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