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H. R. 4646

To reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2023

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. CAREY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. PHILLIPS, and Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia) 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 “Supporting and Im-
5 proving Rural EMS Needs Reauthorization Act” or the
6 “SIREN Reauthorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TRAINING**
2 **AND EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 330J of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 254c-15) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “the Adminis-
6 trator of the Health Resources and Services Admin-
7 istration (referred to in this section as the ‘Sec-
8 retary’)” and inserting “the Assistant Secretary,”;

9 (2) in subsection (c)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1)—

11 (i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “;
12 and” and inserting a semicolon; and

13 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(E) ensure emergency medical services
16 personnel are trained on mental health and sub-
17 stance use disorders and care for individuals
18 with such disorders in emergency situations;
19 and”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (2)—

21 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;
22 or” and inserting a semicolon;

23 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
24 the period and inserting “; or”; and

25 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
26 lowing:

1 “(D) acquire drugs or devices approved,
2 cleared, or otherwise legally marketed under the
3 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for
4 emergency treatment of known or suspected
5 overdose.”;

6 (3) by striking subsection (f);

7 (4) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
8 section (f);

9 (5) in subsection (f)(1), as so redesignated, by
10 striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2024
11 through 2028”;

12 (6) by redesignating such section 330J as sec-
13 tion 553 of the Public Health Service Act; and

14 (7) by transferring such section 553, as so re-
15 designated, to appear at the end of part D of title
16 V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
17 290dd et seq.).

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