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# H. R. 3771

[Report No. 117-]

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 2021

Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. CHU, Mr. CARSON, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. WILD, Mr. BERA, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. KILMER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. POSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 8, 2021]

# **A BILL**

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes.

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 “South Asian Heart*  
5 *Health Awareness and Research Act of 2022”.*

6 **SEC. 2. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.**

7 *Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.*  
8 *241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317U (42*  
9 *U.S.C. 247b–23) the following new section:*

10 **“SEC. 317V. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.**

11 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants*  
12 *to States for the purpose of promoting awareness of the in-*  
13 *creasing prevalence of heart disease, including, where ap-*  
14 *propriate, its relationship to type 2 diabetes, in commu-*  
15 *nities disproportionately affected by heart disease such as*  
16 *South Asian communities in the United States.*

17 *“(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a grant*  
18 *under subsection (a) shall use such grant funds—*

19 *“(1) to develop culturally appropriate materials*  
20 *on evidence-based heart health promotion topics, such*  
21 *as nutrition education, optimal diet plans, and pro-*  
22 *grams for regular exercise;*

23 *“(2) to support heart health promotion activities*  
24 *of community organizations that work with or serve*  
25 *communities disproportionately affected by heart dis-*

1        *ease, such as South Asian communities in the United*  
2        *States; or*

3            *“(3) to support, with respect to research con-*  
4        *ducted relating to heart disease, conferences and work-*  
5        *shops on how practices, methodologies, and designs of*  
6        *such research should be changed to include in such re-*  
7        *search more members of communities disproportion-*  
8        *ately affected by heart disease, such as South Asian*  
9        *communities in the United States.*

10        *“(c) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than*  
11        *180 days after the date of the enactment of the South Asian*  
12        *Heart Health Awareness and Research Act of 2022, and an-*  
13        *nually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a*  
14        *report on outreach efforts and data relating to heart disease*  
15        *in communities disproportionately affected by heart disease,*  
16        *such as South Asian communities in the United States.*

17        *“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For pur-*  
18        *poses of carrying out this section, there is authorized to be*  
19        *appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023*  
20        *through 2027.”.*

21        **SEC. 3. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.**

22        *Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act*  
23        *(42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end*  
24        *the following new section:*

1 **“SEC. 409K. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.**

2 “(a) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—*

3 “(1) *conduct or support research and related ac-*  
4 *tivities regarding cardiovascular disease, type 2 dia-*  
5 *betes, and other heart health-related ailments among*  
6 *at-risk populations, including South Asian commu-*  
7 *nities in the United States; and*

8 “(2) *establish an internet clearinghouse to cata-*  
9 *log existing evidence-based heart health research and*  
10 *treatment options for communities disproportionately*  
11 *affected by heart disease, such as South Asian com-*  
12 *munities in the United States, to prevent, treat, or re-*  
13 *verse heart disease and diabetes.*

14 “(b) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For pur-*  
15 *poses of carrying out this section, there is authorized to be*  
16 *appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023*  
17 *through 2027.”.*