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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. TRAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 “Medication Access and  
5 Training Expansion Act of 2021” or the “MATE Act of  
6 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING PRESCRIBERS OF CONTROLLED SUB-**  
2 **STANCES TO COMPLETE TRAINING ON**  
3 **TREATING AND MANAGING PATIENTS WITH**  
4 **OPIOID AND OTHER SUBSTANCE USE DIS-**  
5 **ORDERS.**

6 Section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
7 U.S.C. 823) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(1) **REQUIRED TRAINING FOR PRESCRIBERS ON**  
10 **TREATING AND MANAGING PATIENTS WITH OPIOID AND**  
11 **OTHER SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.—**

12 “(1) **APPLICABILITY.—**This subsection ap-  
13 plies—

14 “(A) with respect to any practitioner who  
15 is licensed under State law to prescribe con-  
16 trolled substances and is not a veterinarian or  
17 a dentist; and

18 “(B) beginning with the first registration  
19 or renewal of registration by the practitioner  
20 under this section occurring 180 or more days  
21 after the date of enactment of the Medication  
22 Access and Training Expansion Act of 2021.

23 “(2) **TRAINING REQUIRED.—**As a condition on  
24 registration under this section to dispense controlled  
25 substances in schedule II, III, IV, or V, the Attorney

1       General shall require any practitioner described in  
2       paragraph (1)(A) to meet the following:

3               “(A) If the practitioner is a physician, the  
4       practitioner must meet one or more of the fol-  
5       lowing conditions:

6               “(i) The physician holds a board cer-  
7       tification in addiction psychiatry or addic-  
8       tion medicine from the American Board of  
9       Medical Specialties.

10              “(ii) The physician holds a board cer-  
11       tification from the American Board of Ad-  
12       diction Medicine.

13              “(iii) The physician holds a board cer-  
14       tification in addiction medicine from the  
15       American Osteopathic Association.

16              “(iv) The physician has, with respect  
17       to the treatment and management of pa-  
18       tients with opioid or other substance use  
19       disorders, completed not less than 8 hours  
20       of training (through classroom situations,  
21       seminars at professional society meetings,  
22       electronic communications, or otherwise)  
23       that is provided by—

24                      “(I) the American Society of Ad-  
25       diction Medicine, the American Acad-

1                   emy of Addiction Psychiatry, the  
2                   American Medical Association, the  
3                   American Osteopathic Association, the  
4                   American Psychiatric Association, or  
5                   any other organization accredited by  
6                   the Accreditation Council for Con-  
7                   tinuing Medical Education (commonly  
8                   known as the ‘ACCME’);

9                   “(II) any organization accredited  
10                  by a State medical society accreditor  
11                  recognized by the ACCME; or

12                  “(III) any organization accred-  
13                  ited by the American Osteopathic As-  
14                  sociation to provide continuing med-  
15                  ical education.

16                  “(v) The physician graduated in good  
17                  standing from an accredited school of  
18                  allopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine  
19                  in the United States during the 5-year pe-  
20                  riod immediately preceding the date on  
21                  which the physician first registers or re-  
22                  news under this section and has success-  
23                  fully completed a comprehensive allopathic  
24                  or osteopathic medicine curriculum or ac-  
25                  credited medical residency that included

1 not less than 8 hours of training on treat-  
2 ing and managing patients with opioid and  
3 other substance use disorders, including  
4 the appropriate clinical use of all drugs ap-  
5 proved by the Food and Drug Administra-  
6 tion for the treatment of a substance use  
7 disorder.

8 “(B) If the practitioner is not a physician,  
9 the practitioner must meet one or more of the  
10 following conditions:

11 “(i) Completed not fewer than 8 hours  
12 of training with respect to the treatment  
13 and management of patients with opioid or  
14 other substance use disorders (through  
15 classroom situations, seminars at profes-  
16 sional society meetings, electronic commu-  
17 nications, or otherwise) provided by the  
18 American Society of Addiction Medicine,  
19 the American Academy of Addiction Psy-  
20 chiatry, the American Medical Association,  
21 the American Osteopathic Association, the  
22 American Nurses Credentialing Center, the  
23 American Psychiatric Association, the  
24 American Association of Nurse Practi-  
25 tioners, the American Academy of Physi-

1           cian Assistants, or any other organization  
2           that the Secretary determines is appro-  
3           priate for purposes of this clause.

4                   “(ii) Graduated in good standing from  
5           an accredited physician assistant school or  
6           accredited school of advanced practice  
7           nursing in the United States during the 5-  
8           year period immediately preceding the date  
9           on which the practitioner first registers or  
10          renews under this section and has success-  
11          fully completed a comprehensive physician  
12          assistant or advanced practice nursing cur-  
13          riculum that included not less than 8 hours  
14          of training on treating and managing pa-  
15          tients with opioid and other substance use  
16          disorders, including the appropriate clinical  
17          use of all drugs approved by the Food and  
18          Drug Administration for the treatment of  
19          a substance use disorder.

20                   “(3) ONE-TIME TRAINING.—The Attorney Gen-  
21          eral shall not require any practitioner to complete  
22          the training described in clause (iv) or (v) of para-  
23          graph (2)(A) or clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph  
24          (2)(B) more than once.

1           “(4) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in  
2 this subsection shall be construed to prevent a prac-  
3 titioner from using the same training both for pur-  
4 poses of satisfying the registration requirement of  
5 this subsection and for other purposes, such as satis-  
6 fying State licensing requirements.”.

7 **SEC. 3. PRACTITIONER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

8           Title V of the Public Health Service Act is amended  
9 by inserting after section 509 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 290bb–2) the following:

11 **“SEC. 510. PRACTITIONER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

12           “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall carry out a  
13 program to award grants to eligible entities to expand the  
14 integration of substance use disorder education into the  
15 standard curriculum of relevant health care and health  
16 services education programs, thereby expanding the num-  
17 ber of practitioners who deliver high-quality, evidence-  
18 based substance use disorder treatment.

19           “(b) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—To be eligible to receive  
20 a grant under this section, an entity shall be—

21           “(1) a private nonprofit or public professional  
22 association representing health care professionals in  
23 the field of medicine, physician assistants, nursing,  
24 social work, psychology, marriage and family ther-  
25 apy, or health services administration; or

1           “(2) a private nonprofit or public entity that is  
2           a university, college, or other professional school.

3           “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
4           carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-  
5           priated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal  
6           years 2022 through 2027.”.