

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 3796

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research to determine the extent to which the presence of dioxin in tampons poses any health risks to women.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. FROST, Mr. JACOBS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. YATES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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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 “Women’s Health and  
5 Dioxin Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH; ES-**  
2 **TABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH**  
3 **REGARDING PRESENCE OF DIOXIN IN TAM-**  
4 **PONS.**

5 Part F of title IV of the Public Health Service Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 287d et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following section:

8 **"SEC. 486C. CERTAIN PROJECTS REGARDING WOMEN'S**  
9 **HEALTH.**

10 "The Director of NIH, in collaboration with the Di-  
11 rector of the Office, shall provide for the conduct or sup-  
12 port of research to determine the extent to which the pres-  
13 ence of dioxin in tampons poses any health risks to  
14 women, including risks relating to cervical cancer."

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