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# H. R. 2471

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for screenings, referrals, and education regarding osteoporosis.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. CARSON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mrs. CLAYTON, Ms. DANNER, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. FROST, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. WATERS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. BENTSEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. DIXON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. WYNN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FORD, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. LEE, and Ms. KILPATRICK) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Public Health  
3 Osteoporosis Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Act of  
4 1999”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 The Congress finds as follows:

7 (1) Osteoporosis is a significant public health  
8 risk affecting 28,000,000 Americans who either have  
9 osteoporosis or are at risk of fractures due to low  
10 bone mass.

11 (2) One out of two women and one in eight men  
12 over age 50 will have an osteoporosis-related frac-  
13 ture in their lifetime.

14 (3) Ten percent of African-American women  
15 over age 50 will have an osteoporosis-related frac-  
16 ture.

17 (4) While osteoporosis is often thought of as an  
18 older person’s disease, it can strike at any age, in-  
19 cluding in young women with eating disorders or  
20 young men treated for asthma with steroids.

21 (5) Osteoporosis is responsible for 1,500,000  
22 fractures annually, including 300,000 hip fractures,  
23 700,000 vertebral fractures, 250,000 wrist fractures,  
24 and 300,000 fractures at other sites.

1           (6) A woman's risk of hip fracture is equal to  
2 her combined risk of breast, uterine, and ovarian  
3 cancer.

4           (7) The estimated national direct medical cost  
5 of osteoporosis is \$13,800,000,000 annually, which  
6 is \$38,000,000 each day, and the cost is rising.

7           (8) Osteoporosis is preventable in most people  
8 if the right precautions are taken.

9           (9) Only 13 percent of teen girls get the cal-  
10 cium necessary to build their bone to peak capacity.

11           (10) Most adult women are not aware of their  
12 own risk factors for osteoporosis.

13           (11) Women can lose up to 20 percent of their  
14 bone mass in the five to seven years following meno-  
15 pause, making them susceptible to osteoporosis.

16           (12) Eighty percent of fractures in adult  
17 women are osteoporosis related, yet most people pre-  
18 senting with fractures are not assessed for  
19 osteoporosis.

20           (13) Only 7 percent of people with osteoporosis  
21 have been diagnosed.

22           (14) States are currently spending only  
23 \$4,000,000 on educating the public about  
24 osteoporosis prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

1 **SEC. 3. OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING AS REQUIRED PRI-**  
 2 **MARY HEALTH SERVICE FOR FEDERAL**  
 3 **HEALTH CENTERS.**

4 Section 330(b)(1)(A)(i)(III) of the Public Health  
 5 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(b)(1)(A)(i)(III)) is amended  
 6 by amending item (ee) to read as follows:

7 “(ee) screenings for elevated  
 8 blood lead levels, communicable  
 9 diseases, cholesterol, and  
 10 osteoporosis;”.

11 **SEC. 4. EXPANSION OF STATE PROGRAMS FOR**  
 12 **SCREENINGS, REFERRALS, AND EDUCATION**  
 13 **REGARDING OSTEOPOROSIS.**

14 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act  
 15 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-  
 16 tion 317G the following section:

17 “SCREENINGS, REFERRALS, AND EDUCATION REGARDING  
 18 OSTEOPOROSIS

19 “SEC. 317H. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, act-  
 20 ing through the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-  
 21 trol and Prevention, may make grants to States and polit-  
 22 ical subdivisions of States for the establishment and oper-  
 23 ation of programs (including the expansion of pro-  
 24 grams)—

25 “(1) to screen individuals for osteoporosis;

1           “(2) to provide referrals for treatment of the  
2 disease; and

3           “(3) to carry out activities to educate health  
4 professionals and the public regarding the disease.

5           “(b) REQUIREMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make a  
7 grant under subsection (a) only if the applicant in-  
8 volved agrees that, with respect to the costs to be in-  
9 curred by the applicant in carrying out a program  
10 under such subsection, the applicant will make avail-  
11 able (directly or through donations from public or  
12 private entities) non-Federal contributions toward  
13 such costs in an amount that is not less than \$1 for  
14 each \$1 of Federal funds provided in the grant.

15           “(2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF NON-  
16 FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—Non-Federal contribu-  
17 tions required in paragraph (1) may be in cash or  
18 in kind, fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment,  
19 or services. Amounts provided by the Federal Gov-  
20 ernment, or services assisted or subsidized to any  
21 significant extent by the Federal Government, may  
22 not be included in determining the amount of such  
23 non-Federal contributions.

24           “(c) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—The Secretary may  
25 make a grant under subsection (a) only if an application

1 for the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the appli-  
2 cation is in such form, is made in such manner, and con-  
3 tains such agreements, assurances, and information as the  
4 Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out this sec-  
5 tion.

6 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
7 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized  
8 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for  
9 each of the fiscal years 2000 and 2001.”.

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