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# S. 1028

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Men's Health.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAPO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 "Men's Health Act of  
5        2003".

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds as follows:

8                (1) A silent health crisis is affecting the health  
9        and well-being of America's men.

1           (2) While this health crisis is of particular con-  
2           cern to men, it is also a concern for women regard-  
3           ing their fathers, husbands, sons, and brothers.

4           (3) Men's health is a concern for employers who  
5           pay the costs of medical care, and lose productive  
6           employees.

7           (4) Men's health is a concern to Federal and  
8           State governments which absorb the enormous costs  
9           of premature death and disability, including the  
10          costs of caring for dependents left behind.

11          (5) The life expectancy gap between men and  
12          women has increased from one year in 1920 to al-  
13          most six years in 2001.

14          (6) Prostate cancer is the most frequently diag-  
15          nosed cancer in the United States among men, ac-  
16          counting for 30 percent of all cancer cases in men.

17          (7) An estimated 180,000 men will be newly di-  
18          agnosed with prostate cancer this year alone, and  
19          over 30,000 will die.

20          (8) Prostate cancer rates increase sharply with  
21          age, and more than 70 percent of such cases are di-  
22          agnosed in men age 65 and older.

23          (9) The incidence of prostate cancer is signifi-  
24          cantly higher in African-American men and the re-  
25          sulting mortality rate is twice that in white men.

1           (10) An estimated 7,500 men, ages 15 to 40,  
2 will be diagnosed this year with testicular cancer,  
3 and 400 of these men will die of this disease in  
4 2003. A common reason for delay in treatment of  
5 this disease is a delay in seeking medical attention  
6 after discovering a testicular mass.

7           (11) According to the Centers for Disease Con-  
8 trol and Prevention, the rate of doctor visits for such  
9 reasons as annual examinations and preventive serv-  
10 ices is 100 percent higher for women more than for  
11 men.

12           (12) Appropriate use of tests such as prostate  
13 specific antigen (PSA) exams and blood pressure,  
14 blood sugar, and cholesterol screens, in conjunction  
15 with clinical exams and self-testing, can result in the  
16 early detection of many problems and in increased  
17 survival rates.

18           (13) Educating men, their families, and health  
19 care providers about the importance of early detec-  
20 tion of male health problems can result in reducing  
21 rates of mortality for male-specific diseases, as well  
22 as improve the health of America's men and its over-  
23 all economic well-being.

24           (14) Recent scientific studies have shown that  
25 regular medical exams, preventive screenings, reg-

1 ular exercise, and healthy eating habits can help  
2 save lives.

3 (15) Establishing an Office of Men’s Health is  
4 needed to investigate these findings and take such  
5 further actions as may be needed to promote men’s  
6 health.

7 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF MEN’S HEALTH.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XVII of the Public Health  
9 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u et seq.) is amended by adding  
10 at the end the following:

11 “OFFICE OF MEN’S HEALTH

12 “SEC. 1711. The Secretary shall establish within the  
13 Department of Health and Human Services an office to  
14 be known as the Office of Men’s Health, which shall be  
15 headed by a director appointed by the Secretary. The Sec-  
16 retary, acting through the Director of the Office, shall co-  
17 ordinate and promote the status of men’s health in the  
18 United States.”.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date  
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and  
21 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Office  
22 of Men’s Health, shall submit to the Congress a report  
23 describing the activities of such Office, including findings  
24 that the Director has made regarding men’s health.

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