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# H. R. 1170

To address problem gambling.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2007

Mr. MEEHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and 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 “Comprehensive Aware-  
5       ness of Problem Gambling Act of 2007”.

6       **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AWARENESS.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
8       Human Services shall carry out a national campaign to  
9       increase knowledge and raise awareness with respect to  
10      problem gambling issues within the general public, includ-  
11      ing supporting and augmenting existing national cam-

1 paigns and the production and placement of public service  
2 announcements.

3 (b) VOLUNTARY DONATIONS.—In carrying out sub-  
4 section (a), the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
5 shall—

6 (1) administer and coordinate the voluntary do-  
7 nation of resources to assist in the implementation  
8 of new programs and the augmentation of existing  
9 national campaigns to provide national strategies for  
10 dissemination of information intended to address  
11 problem gambling from—

12 (A) the television, radio, motion picture,  
13 cable communications, and print media;

14 (B) the advertising industry;

15 (C) the business sector of the United  
16 States; and

17 (D) professional sports organizations and  
18 associations; and

19 (2) encourage media outlets throughout the  
20 country to provide information aimed at preventing  
21 problem gambling, including public service an-  
22 nouncements, documentary films, and advertise-  
23 ments.

24 (c) FOCUS.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Sec-  
25 retary of Health and Human Services shall target radio

1 and television audiences of sporting events and of gam-  
2 bling.

3 (d) EVALUATION.—In carrying out subsection (a),  
4 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall evalu-  
5 ate and report to the President and to Congress on the  
6 effectiveness of activities under this section.

7 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
8 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized  
9 to be appropriated \$200,000 for each of the fiscal years  
10 2008 through 2012.

11 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish and  
13 implement a national program of research on problem  
14 gambling.

15 (b) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section, the  
16 President shall appoint an advisory commission, including  
17 individuals not currently employed by the Federal Govern-  
18 ment, to coordinate the activities of Federal agencies relat-  
19 ing to research on problem gambling, including the activi-  
20 ties of the National Institutes of Health, the National  
21 Science Foundation, the National Justice Institute, the  
22 Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the Substance Abuse and  
23 Mental Health Services Administration.

24 (c) NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMIS-  
25 SION REPORT.—In carrying out this section, the President

1 shall consider the recommendations that appear in chapter  
2 8 of the June 18, 1999, report of the National Gambling  
3 Impact Study Commission.

4 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
5 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized  
6 to be appropriated \$4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years  
7 2008 through 2012.

8 **SEC. 4. TREATMENT.**

9 (a) GRANTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
11 Human Services may make grants to States, local  
12 governments, and non-profit agencies to provide  
13 comprehensive services with respect to treatment  
14 and prevention of problem gambling issues and edu-  
15 cation about problem gambling issues.

16 (2) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be  
17 made under paragraph (1) only if an application for  
18 the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the ap-  
19 plication is in such form, is made in such manner,  
20 and contains such agreements, assurances, and in-  
21 formation as the Secretary determines to be nec-  
22 essary to carry out this subsection.

23 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For  
24 the purpose of carrying out this subsection, there is

1 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each  
2 of the fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

3 (b) TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT PROTOCOL.—The  
4 President, acting through the Administrator of the Sub-  
5 stance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration,  
6 shall develop a Treatment Improvement Protocol specific  
7 to problem gambling.

8 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

9 It is the sense of the Congress that every State should  
10 contribute a percentage of its revenue from gambling to-  
11 wards prevention and treatment of problem gambling and  
12 towards research services and education about problem  
13 gambling.

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