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# H. R. 1237

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2007

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Ms. FOXX, Ms. HERSETH, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia) 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 “Cytology Proficiency  
5       Improvement Act of 2007”.

1   **SEC. 2. REVISED STANDARDS FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN**  
2                   **SCREENING    AND    EVALUATION    OF**  
3                   **GYNECOLOGIC CYTOLOGY PREPARATIONS.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 353(f)(4)(B)(iv) of the  
5   Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263a(f)(4)(B)(iv))  
6   is amended to read as follows:

7                   “(iv) requirements that each clinical  
8   laboratory—

9                   “(I) ensure that all individuals  
10   involved in screening and interpreting  
11   cytological preparations at the labora-  
12   tory participate annually in a con-  
13   tinuing medical education program in  
14   gynecologic cytology that—

15                   “(aa) is approved by the Ac-  
16   crediting Council for Continuing  
17   Medical Education or the Amer-  
18   ican Academy of Continuing  
19   Medical Education, and

20                   “(bb) provides each indi-  
21   vidual participating in the pro-  
22   gram with gynecologic cytologic  
23   preparations (in the form of ref-  
24   erenced glass slides or equivalent  
25   technologies) designed to improve  
26   the locator, recognition and inter-

preutive skills of the individual,

and

“(II) maintain a record of the cy-

## topology continuing medical education

results of each individual involved in

## screening and interpreting cytological

preparations at the laboratory,".

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION; TER-  
9 MINATION OF CURRENT PROGRAM OF INDIVIDUAL PRO-  
10 FICIENCY TESTING.—

11 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION.—

12        Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amend-  
13        ment made by subsection (a) applies to gynecologic  
14        cytology services provided on or after the date that  
15        is one year after the date of the enactment of this  
16        Act, and the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
17        ices (hereafter in this subsection referred to as the  
18        “Secretary”) shall issue final regulations imple-  
19        menting such amendment not later than 270 days  
20        after such date of enactment.

21 (2) TERMINATION OF CURRENT INDIVIDUAL

## 22 PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM.—As of the date of

23 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall termi-

24 nate the individual proficiency testing program es-

25 established pursuant to section 353(f)(4)(B)(iv) of the

1       Public    Health    Service    Act    (42    U.S.C.  
2       263a(f)(4)(B)(iv)), as in effect before the enactment  
3       of this section.

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