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H. R. 4384

To provide for the establishment of a fund to provide for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. PETERS of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, Armed Services, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “America Helping En-
5 courage Advancements in Lifesaving Science” or the
6 “America HEALS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH FUND.**

2 (a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to
3 establish a Biomedical Research Fund (referred to in this
4 section as the “Fund”), to be administered by the Sec-
5 retary of the Treasury, to provide for an expanded and
6 sustained national investment in biomedical research
7 through the programs and agencies described in sub-
8 section (b)(2).

9 (b) USE OF FUND.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year,
11 amounts shall be transferred from the Fund to the
12 accounts related to the programs and agencies de-
13 scribed in paragraph (2) to ensure that funding for
14 such programs and agencies for such fiscal year does
15 not fall below 105 percent of the level of funding
16 provided for the fiscal year immediately preceding
17 the fiscal year for which the determination is being
18 made and an additional amount to account for any
19 increases in the Gross Domestic Product for the
20 year involved.

21 (2) AGENCIES.—The programs and agencies de-
22 scribed in this paragraph are the following:

23 (A) The National Institutes of Health.

24 (B) The Centers for Disease Control and
25 Prevention.

1 (C) The Department of Defense health
2 program.

3 (D) The medical and prosthetics research
4 program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

5 (e) MINIMUM CONTINUED FUNDING REQUIRE-
6 MENT.—Amounts appropriated for each of the programs
7 and agencies described in subsection (b)(2) for a fiscal
8 year shall not be less than the amounts appropriated for
9 such programs and agencies for fiscal year 2014.

10 (d) FUNDING.—There are hereby authorized to be
11 appropriated, and appropriated, to the Fund, out of any
12 monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such
13 sums as may be necessary in each fiscal year to enable
14 the transfers to be made in accordance with subsection
15 (b)(1).

16 (e) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—The Committee on Ap-
17 propriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appro-
18 priations of the House of Representatives may provide for
19 the transfer of funds in the Fund to eligible programs and
20 agencies under this section, subject to subsection (b).

21 (f) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS FROM SE-
22 QUESTRATION.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the
24 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
25 Act (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting

1 after “Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund
2 and Other Funds (16–0327–0–1–600).” the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “Biomedical Research Fund.”

5 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by
6 this section shall apply to any sequestration order
7 issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency
8 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.)
9 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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