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# H. R. 6145

To require certain equestrian helmets to include a warning label, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

Mr. HIMES (for himself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. ESTY, and Mr. CARNEY) 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 “Christen O’Donnell  
5 Equestrian Helmet Labeling Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. EQUESTRIAN HELMETS.**

7 (a) LABEL REQUIRED ON CERTAIN EQUESTRIAN  
8 HELMETS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Consumer Product  
10 Safety Commission shall issue a rule under section

1 553 of title 5, United States Code, that requires a  
2 label for an equestrian helmet that—

3 (A) is manufactured for sale, offered for  
4 sale, distributed in commerce, or imported into  
5 the United States; and

6 (B) does not meet the ASTM International  
7 standard designated as F1163, or a successor  
8 standard.

9 (2) LABELING REQUIREMENTS.—The label re-  
10 quired under paragraph (1) shall—

11 (A) be prominently and conspicuously dis-  
12 played—

13 (i) on the interior of the helmet, any  
14 packaging of the helmet, and on any de-  
15 scriptive materials that accompany the hel-  
16 met; and

17 (ii) on any advertising or other de-  
18 scription of the helmet;

19 (B) be clearly visible, noticeable, and in the  
20 English language;

21 (C) not be removable; and

22 (D) include the word “WARNING” in cap-  
23 ital letters and a description that the equestrian  
24 helmet is not an approved safety helmet.

1           (3) TREATMENT AS CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFE-  
2           TY RULE.—The rule issued under paragraph (1)  
3           shall be treated as a consumer product safety rule  
4           under section 9 of the Consumer Product Safety Act  
5           (15 U.S.C. 2058).

6           (b) CHRISTEN O'DONNELL MEMORIAL GRANTS.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
8           Human Services acting through the Director of the  
9           Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (in this  
10          section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall make  
11          grants to eligible entities on a competitive basis for  
12          education and awareness campaigns, programs, and  
13          materials described in paragraph (3).

14          (2) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant pursuant  
15          to paragraph (1), an eligible entity shall submit to  
16          the Secretary an application at such time, in such  
17          form, and containing such information and assur-  
18          ances as the Secretary may require.

19          (3) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—An eligible entity  
20          receiving a grant pursuant to paragraph (1) shall  
21          use such grant for education and awareness cam-  
22          paigns, programs, and materials on—

23                  (A) proper equestrian helmet selection and  
24                  wear for new, current, and incoming equestrian  
25                  riders and guardians; and

1 (B) the dangers of nonapproved headgear  
2 and not wearing an approved equestrian helmet  
3 (as approved by a standards development orga-  
4 nization).

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
7 ty” means—

8 (A) a State;

9 (B) a political subdivision of a State; or

10 (C) an entity that is described under sec-  
11 tion 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
12 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a)  
13 of such Code.

14 (2) EQUESTRIAN HELMET.—The term “eques-  
15 trian helmet” means a head covering that—

16 (A) is a hard shell or a “hunt cap” style  
17 hat; and

18 (B) is intended, or could reasonably be ex-  
19 pected, to be worn while participating in an  
20 equestrian event or activity other than polo,  
21 horse racing, or rodeo.

22 (d) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No ad-  
23 ditional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry  
24 out the requirements of this section. Such requirements

- 1 shall be carried out using amounts otherwise authorized
- 2 to be appropriated.

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