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To amend the Controlled Substances Act to require certain training as a condition of registration to prescribe or dispense opioids for the treatment of pain or pain management, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2017

Mr. SCHNEIDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 “Opioid Preventing
5 Abuse through Continuing Education Act of 2017” or the
6 “Opioid PACE Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRACTITIONER EDUCATION.**

2 (a) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 303(f) of the Con-
4 trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(f)) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
7 through (5) as subparagraphs (A) through (E),
8 respectively;

9 (B) by striking “(f) The Attorney General”
10 and inserting “(f)(1) Subject to paragraph (2),
11 the Attorney General”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2)(A) To be registered under paragraph (1) to pre-
14 scribe or otherwise dispense opioids for the treatment of
15 pain, or pain management, a practitioner (other than a
16 hospital, a pharmacy, a pharmacist, or a veterinarian)
17 shall comply with the 12-hour training requirement of this
18 paragraph at least once during each 3-year period.

19 “(B) The training requirement of this paragraph is
20 that the practitioner has completed not less than 12 hours
21 of training (through classroom situations, seminars at pro-
22 fessional society meetings, electronic communications, or
23 otherwise) with respect to—

24 “(i) pain management treatment guidelines and
25 best practices,

26 “(ii) early detection of opioid addiction, and

1 “(iii) the treatment and management of opioid-
2 dependent patients,
3 that is provided by the American Society of Addiction
4 Medicine, the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry,
5 the American Medical Association, the American Osteo-
6 pathic Association, the American Psychiatric Association,
7 the American Academy of Pain Management, the Amer-
8 ican Pain Society, the American Academy of Pain Medi-
9 cine, the American Board of Pain Medicine, the American
10 Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, or any other or-
11 ganization that the Secretary determines is appropriate
12 for purposes of this paragraph.”.

13 (2) FUNDING.—The Drug Enforcement Admin-
14 istration shall fund the enforcement of the require-
15 ments specified in section 303(f)(2) of the Con-
16 trolled Substances Act (as added by paragraph (1))
17 through the use of a portion of the licensing fees
18 paid by controlled substance prescribers under the
19 Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.).

20 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING MODULES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
22 Human Services shall establish or support the estab-
23 lishment of one or more training modules to be used
24 to meet the training requirement under section

1 303(f)(2) of the Controlled Substances Act (as
2 added by subsection (a)(1)).

3 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to re-
4 ceive support under paragraph (1), an entity shall
5 be—

6 (A) one of the organizations listed in sub-
7 paragraph (B) of section 303(f)(2) of the Con-
8 trolled Substances Act (as added by subsection
9 (a)(1)); or

10 (B) any other organization that the Sec-
11 retary determines is appropriate to provide
12 training under such section 303(f)(2).

13 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
14 carry out this subsection, there is authorized to be
15 appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years
16 2018 through 2022.

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