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115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2422

[Report No. 115–328]

To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve essential oral health care for low-income and other underserved individuals by breaking down barriers to care, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2017

Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself and Mr. SIMPSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HECK, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. PALAZZO, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BEYER, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. KILMER, Ms. MOORE, Ms. MENG, Mr. COHEN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. O’ROURKE, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. POCAN, Mr. WALZ, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. KEATING, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. LOEB SACK, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. VELA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, Mr. BARTON, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. PETERS, Ms. LEE, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania

SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 15, 2017]

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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 “Action for Dental Health*  
5 *Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. VOLUNTEER DENTAL PROJECTS AND ACTION FOR**  
7 **DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM.**

8 *Section 317M of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
9 *U.S.C. 247b–14) is amended—*

10 *(1) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as*  
11 *subsections (f) and (g), respectively;*

12 *(2) by inserting after subsection (d) the following*  
13 *new subsection:*

14 *“(e) ACTION FOR DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM.—*

15 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-*  
16 *tion with the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-*  
17 *trol and Prevention and the Administrator of the*  
18 *Health Resources and Service Administration, may*  
19 *award grants to or enter into contracts with eligible*  
20 *entities to collaborate with State, county, or local*  
21 *public officials and other stakeholders to develop and*  
22 *implement initiatives to accomplish any of the fol-*  
23 *lowing goals:*

24 *“(A) To improve oral health education and*  
25 *dental disease prevention, including through*

1           *community-wide prevention programs, through*  
2           *the use of dental sealants and fluoride varnish,*  
3           *and by increasing oral health literacy.*

4           “(B) *To reduce geographic barriers, lan-*  
5           *guage barriers, cultural barriers, and other simi-*  
6           *lar barriers to the provision of dental services.*

7           “(2) *ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this subsection, the*  
8           *term ‘eligible entity’ means an entity that is—*

9                     “(A) *a State or local dental association;*

10                    “(B) *a State oral health program;*

11                    “(C) *a dental education, dental hygiene, or*  
12                    *postdoctoral dental education program accredited*  
13                    *by the Commission on Dental Accreditation; or*

14                    “(D) *a community-based organization*  
15                    *that—*

16                             “(i) *partners with an academic insti-*  
17                             *tution;*

18                             “(ii) *is exempt from tax under section*  
19                             *501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of*  
20                             *1986; and*

21                             “(iii) *partners with public and private*  
22                             *stakeholders to facilitate the provision of*  
23                             *dental services for underserved popu-*  
24                             *lations.”; and*

1           (3) in subsection (g), as redesignated by para-  
2           graph (1), by striking “such sums as may be nec-  
3           essary for each of the fiscal years 2001 through 2005”  
4           and inserting “\$18,000,000 for each of the fiscal years  
5           2018 through 2022”.

6 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS.**

7           Section 340G of the Public Health Service Act (42  
8           U.S.C. 256g) is amended—

9           (1) in subsection (b)(5)—

10                   (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and”  
11                   at the end; and

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

13                           “(D) the establishment of dental homes for  
14                           children and adults, including for the aged,  
15                           blind, and disabled populations;

16                           “(E) the establishment of initiatives to re-  
17                           duce the use of emergency departments by indi-  
18                           viduals who seek dental services more appro-  
19                           priately delivered in a dental primary care set-  
20                           ting; and

21                           “(F) the provision of dental care to nursing  
22                           home residents;” and

23           (2) in subsection (f), by striking “\$25,000,000  
24           for the 5-fiscal year period beginning with fiscal year

- 1        *2008” and inserting “\$13,903,000 for each of fiscal*
- 2        *years 2018 through 2022”.*



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