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H. R. 3280

To provide a requirement to improve data collection efforts.

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Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself, Mr. BERA, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CICCILLINE, Mr. CISNEROS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COX of California, Mr. CRIST, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. HILL of California, Mr. HIMES, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. MURPHY, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SOTO, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. STANTON, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. BASS, Ms. MENG, Mr. KEATING, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. CASE, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, and Ms. SHALALA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “LGBTQ Essential
3 Data Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING DATA COLLECTION ON THE SEXUAL
5 ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY OF DE-
6 CEASED INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THE NA-
7 TIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYS-
8 TEM.**

9 (a) **COLLECTION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND
10 GENDER IDENTITY DATA.—**

11 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Not later than 120 days
12 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director
13 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
14 shall take measures to improve the incidence of the
15 collection of information on the sexual orientation
16 and gender identity of deceased individuals through
17 the National Violent Death Reporting System or any
18 successor programs.

19 (2) **CONFIDENTIALITY.—**Any information col-
20 lected relating to the sexual orientation or gender
21 identity of a decedent shall be maintained in accord-
22 ance with the confidentiality and privacy standards
23 and policies for the protection of individuals applica-
24 ble to all other data collected for purposes of the
25 National Violent Death Reporting System.

26 (b) **DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

1 (1) GENDER IDENTITY.—The term “gender
2 identity” means an individual’s sense of being male,
3 female, transgender, or another gender, as distinct
4 from the individual’s sex assigned at birth.

5 (2) SEXUAL ORIENTATION.—The term “sexual
6 orientation” means how a person identifies in terms
7 of their emotional, romantic, or sexual attractions,
8 and includes identification as straight, heterosexual,
9 gay, lesbian, or bisexual, among other terms.

10 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be ap-
11 propriated \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 to carry out
12 this section.

13 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14 It is the sense of the Congress that—

15 (1) the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
16 tion has made significant efforts to encourage States
17 and other jurisdictions to collect data on sexual ori-
18 entation and gender identity through the National
19 Violent Death Reporting System; and

20 (2) jurisdictions that participate in the collec-
21 tion of such data through the National Violent
22 Death Reporting System should be commended for
23 their participation.

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