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# H. R. 777

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith  
Act of 2004.

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 “Debbie Smith Reau-  
3 thorization Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION.**

5 Section 2 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination  
6 Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 40701) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “includ-  
9 ing” and inserting “prioritizing, to the extent  
10 practicable consistent with public safety consid-  
11 erations”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (8), by striking “includ-  
13 ing” and inserting “in particular,”;

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at  
16 the end;

17 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking the pe-  
18 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

20 “(8) provide assurances that the DNA section  
21 of the laboratory to be used to conduct DNA anal-  
22 yses has a written policy that prioritizes the analysis  
23 of, to the extent practicable consistent with public  
24 safety considerations, samples from homicides and  
25 sexual assaults.”;

26 (3) in subsection (c)(3)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
2 “2014 through 2019” and inserting “2019  
3 through 2024”; and

4 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
5 “2014 through 2019” and inserting “2019  
6 through 2024”; and

7 (4) in subsection (j), by striking “2015 through  
8 2019” and inserting “2019 through 2024”.

9 **SEC. 3. TRAINING AND EDUCATION.**

10 Section 303(b) of the DNA Sexual Assault Justice  
11 Act of 2004 (34 U.S.C. 40722(b)) is amended by striking  
12 “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2019 through  
13 2024”.

14 **SEC. 4. SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAM GRANTS.**

15 Section 304(d) of the DNA Sexual Assault Justice  
16 Act of 2004 (34 U.S.C. 40723(d)) is amended by striking  
17 “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2019 through  
18 2024”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 23,  
2019.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk.*