117TH CONGRESS  
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H. R. 4049

To amend the Public Health Service Act to give a preference, with respect to project grants for preventive health services, for States that allow trained individuals to carry and administer epinephrine, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2021

Mr. GROTHMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as “Dillon’s Law”.

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SEC. 2. PREFERENCE FOR STATES THAT ALLOW TRAINED INDIVIDUALS TO CARRY AND ADMINISTER EPINEPHRINE.

Section 317 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(o) Preference for States That Allow Trained Individuals To Carry and Administer Epinephrine.—

“(1) Preference.—The Secretary, in making grants under this section, shall give preference to any State that—

“(A) permits a trained individual to administer epinephrine to any individual reasonably believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction; and

“(B) provides to the Secretary the certification described in paragraph (2).

“(2) Civil Liability Protection Law.—The certification described in this paragraph is a certification made by the attorney general of the State that the State—

“(A) has a civil liability protection law;

“(B) has reviewed such law to determine the application of such law with regard to a trained individual who may administer epineph-
rine to another individual reasonably believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction; and

“(C) has concluded that such law provides adequate civil liability protection applicable to such a trained individual.

“(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection creates a cause of action or in any other way increases or diminishes the liability of any person under any other law.

“(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection:

“(A) The term ‘civil liability protection law’ means a State law offering liability protection to individuals who give aid on a voluntary basis in an emergency to an individual who is ill, in peril, or otherwise incapacitated.

“(B) The term ‘trained individual’ means an individual—

“(i) who has received training in the administration of epinephrine; and

“(ii) whose training in the administration of epinephrine meets appropriate medical standards and has been approved by the State.”.