

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7711

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national program to conduct and support activities toward the goal of significantly reducing the number of cases of overweight and obesity among individuals in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2022

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national program to conduct and support activities toward the goal of significantly reducing the number of cases of overweight and obesity among individuals in the United States.

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 “Promoting Healthier
5 Lifelong Improvements in Food and Exercise Act of
6 2022” or the “LIFE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN PREVALENCE OF OVERWEIGHT AND**
2 **OBESITY.**

3 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
5 tion 317U the following section:

6 **“SEC. 317V. REDUCTION IN PREVALENCE OF OVERWEIGHT**
7 **AND OBESITY.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
9 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
10 vention, shall carry out a national program to conduct and
11 support activities regarding individuals who are over-
12 weight or obese in order to make progress toward the goal
13 of significantly reducing the number of cases of overweight
14 and obesity among individuals in the United States.

15 “(b) CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out sub-
16 section (a), the Secretary shall (directly or through grants
17 or contracts) carry out the following with respect to indi-
18 viduals who are overweight or obese:

19 “(1) Activities to train health professionals to
20 recognize that patients are overweight or obese and
21 to recommend prevention activities regarding such
22 condition, including educating patients on—

23 “(A) the relationship between such condi-
24 tion and cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and
25 other health conditions; and

1 “(B) the benefits of proper nutrition and
2 regular physical activities.

3 “(2) Activities to educate the public with re-
4 spect to the condition of being overweight or obese,
5 including the development of a strategy for a public
6 awareness campaign.

7 “(3) The development and demonstration of
8 intervention strategies for use at worksites and in
9 community settings such as hospitals and commu-
10 nity health centers.

11 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
12 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
13 to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2023, and
14 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
15 2024 and 2025.”.

○