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H. R. 5418

To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Mr. TRONE (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. KUSTER, and Mrs. MCCLAIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act.

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; FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Honoring National Recovery Month Act”.

6 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

7 (1) National Recovery Month is an annual ob-
8 servance in the United States to celebrate individ-
9 uals who are in recovery from a substance use dis-
10 order or mental illness, and to educate the public

1 and combat stigma with respect to substance use
2 disorders and mental illnesses.

3 (2) 2023 is the 34th observance of National Re-
4covery Month.

5 (3) Over 81,000 people died from drug
6 overdoses during the period beginning in July 2019
7 and ending in June 2020, and 47,000 people died
8 from suicide in 2019 in the United States.

9 (4) Fatal overdoses in the United States in-
10 creased from 2018 to 2019, and overdoses have in-
11 creased since the onset of the COVID–19 pandemic.

12 (5) A June 2020 study conducted by the Cen-
13 ters for Disease Control and Prevention shows that
14 41 percent of adults are experiencing an adverse
15 mental health or behavioral health condition, includ-
16 ing 31 percent who are experiencing symptoms of
17 anxiety or depression, 11 percent who are seriously
18 considering suicide, and 13 percent who are starting
19 or increasing their substance use to cope with stress
20 or emotions related to COVID–19.

21 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH ACTIVITIES.**

22 Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act
23 (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is amended by adding at the
24 end the following:

1 **“SEC. 552A. NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH ACTIVITIES.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
3 the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance
4 Use, shall carry out activities, or enter into an agreement
5 with a national organization with experience coordinating
6 activities in recognition of National Recovery Month to
7 carry out activities—

8 “(1) to develop toolkits, public service an-
9 nouncements, webinars, graphics, and other commu-
10 nication materials with respect to National Recovery
11 Month;

12 “(2) to develop, maintain, and update appro-
13 priate websites with respect to National Recovery
14 Month;

15 “(3) to develop and distribute best practices for
16 community engagement with respect to National Re-
17 covery Month; and

18 “(4) to celebrate individuals in recovery from
19 substance use disorders or mental illness, educate
20 the public on treatment of and recovery from sub-
21 stance use disorders or mental illness, combat stig-
22 ma pertaining to substance use disorders or mental
23 illness, and engage stakeholders in their participa-
24 tion in such activities.

1 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.”.

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