

## Calendar No. 173

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

## S. 265

To reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

JULY 26, 2023

Reported by Mr. SANDERS, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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**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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Supporting and Im-  
5       proving Rural EMS Needs Reauthorization Act” or the  
6       “SIREN Reauthorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TRAINING**  
 2 **AND EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 330J of the Public Health Service Act (42  
 4 U.S.C. 254e–15) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “the Adminis-  
 6 trator of the Health Resources and Services Admin-  
 7 istration (referred to in this section as the ‘Sec-  
 8 retary’)” and inserting “the Assistant Secretary for  
 9 Mental Health and Substance Use,”;

10 (2) in subsection (c)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “;  
 13 and” and inserting a semicolon; and

14 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
 15 lowing:

16 “(E) ensure emergency medical services  
 17 personnel are trained on mental health and sub-  
 18 stance use disorders and care for individuals  
 19 with such disorders in emergency situations;  
 20 and”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (2)—

22 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;  
 23 or” and inserting a semicolon;

24 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
 25 the period and inserting “; or”; and

1                   (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
 2                   lowing:

3                   “(D) acquire overdose reversal drugs and  
 4                   devices.”;

5                   (3) by striking subsection (f);

6                   (4) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
 7                   section (f); and

8                   (5) in subsection (f)(1), as so redesignated, by  
 9                   striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2024  
 10                  through 2028”.

11 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

12               *This Act may be cited as the “Supporting and Improv-*  
 13 *ing Rural EMS Needs Reauthorization Act” or the “SIREN*  
 14 *Reauthorization Act”.*

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 16 **AND EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

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 18 *U.S.C. 254c-15) is amended—*

19                   (1) in subsection (a), by striking “the Adminis-  
 20                   trator of the Health Resources and Services Adminis-  
 21                   tration (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’)”  
 22                   and inserting “the Assistant Secretary,”;

23                   (2) in subsection (c)—

24                               (A) in paragraph (1)—

1                   (i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “;  
2                   and” and inserting a semicolon; and

3                   (ii) by adding at the end the following:

4                   “(E) ensure emergency medical services per-  
5                   sonnel are trained on mental health and sub-  
6                   stance use disorders and care for individuals  
7                   with such disorders in emergency situations;  
8                   and”; and

9                   (B) in paragraph (2)—

10                  (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;  
11                  or” and inserting a semicolon;

12                  (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
13                  the period and inserting “; or”; and

14                  (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
15                  lowing:

16                  “(D) acquire drugs or devices approved,  
17                  cleared, or otherwise legally marketed under the  
18                  Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for emer-  
19                  gency treatment of known or suspected over-  
20                  dose.”;

21                  (3) by striking subsection (f);

22                  (4) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection  
23                  (f);

1           (5) *in subsection (f)(1), as so redesignated, by*  
2           *striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2024*  
3           *through 2028”;*

4           (6) *by redesignating such section 330J as section*  
5           *553 of the Public Health Service Act; and*

6           (7) *by transferring such section 553, as so redes-*  
7           *ignated, to appear at the end of part D of title V of*  
8           *the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290dd et*  
9           *seq.).*

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