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H. R. 3826

To amend title XXVIII of the Public Health Service Act to establish a
National Advisory Committee on Seniors and Disasters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida (for herself and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend title XXVIII of the Public Health Service Act
to establish a National Advisory Committee on Seniors
and Disasters.

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 “Protecting Seniors
5 During Disasters Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SENIORS AND**
7 **DISASTERS.**

8 Subtitle B of title XXVIII of the Public Health Serv-
9 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh et seq.) is amended by inserting
10 after section 2811A the following:

1 **“SEC. 2811B. NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SEN-**
2 **IORES AND DISASTERS.**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in consulta-
4 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Sec-
5 retary of Veterans Affairs, shall establish an advisory com-
6 mittee to be known as the ‘National Advisory Committee
7 on Seniors and Disasters’ (referred to in this section as
8 the ‘Advisory Committee’).

9 “(b) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee shall—

10 “(1) provide advice and consultation with re-
11 spect to the activities carried out pursuant to section
12 2814, as applicable and appropriate;

13 “(2) evaluate and provide input with respect to
14 the medical and public health needs of seniors as
15 they relate to preparation for, response to, and re-
16 covery from all-hazards emergencies; and

17 “(3) provide advice and consultation with re-
18 spect to State emergency preparedness and response
19 activities and seniors, including related drills and ex-
20 ercises pursuant to the preparedness goals under
21 section 2802(b).

22 “(c) ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee
23 may provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary
24 with respect to seniors and the medical and public health
25 grants and cooperative agreements as applicable to pre-

1 paredness and response activities authorized under this
2 title and title III.

3 “(d) MEMBERSHIP.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
5 tion with such other Secretaries as may be appro-
6 priate, shall appoint not to exceed 15 members to
7 the Advisory Committee. In appointing such mem-
8 bers, the Secretary shall ensure that the total mem-
9 bership of the Advisory Committee is an odd num-
10 ber.

11 “(2) REQUIRED MEMBERS.—The Secretary, in
12 consultation with such other Secretaries as may be
13 appropriate, may appoint to the Advisory Committee
14 under paragraph (1) such individuals as may be ap-
15 propriate to perform the duties described in sub-
16 sections (b) and (c), which may include—

17 “(A) the Assistant Secretary for Prepared-
18 ness and Response;

19 “(B) the Director of the Biomedical Ad-
20 vanced Research and Development Authority;

21 “(C) the Director of the Centers for Dis-
22 ease Control and Prevention;

23 “(D) the Commissioner of Food and
24 Drugs;

1 “(E) the Director of the National Insti-
2 tutes of Health;

3 “(F) the Administrator of the Centers for
4 Medicare & Medicaid Services;

5 “(G) the Administrator for Community
6 Living;

7 “(H) the Administrator of the Federal
8 Emergency Management Agency;

9 “(I) the Under Secretary for Health, Vet-
10 erans Health Administration;

11 “(J) at least two non-Federal health care
12 professionals with expertise in medical disaster
13 planning, preparedness, response, or recovery;

14 “(K) at least two representatives from
15 State, local, territorial, or tribal agencies with
16 expertise in disaster planning, preparedness, re-
17 sponse, or recovery; and

18 “(L) representatives from such Federal
19 agencies (such as the Department of Energy
20 and the Department of Homeland Security) as
21 determined necessary to fulfill the duties of the
22 Advisory Committee, as established under sub-
23 sections (b) and (c).

24 “(e) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Committee shall
25 meet not less than biannually.

1 “(f) SUNSET.—The Advisory Committee shall termi-
2 nate on September 30, 2021.”.

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