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S. 3444

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 5, 2022

Ms. Warren (for herself, Ms. Smith, Mr. Padilla, Ms. Rosen, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Sanders) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "Tribal Medical Sup-
- 3 plies Stockpile Access Act of 2022".
- 4 SEC. 2. PROVISION OF ITEMS TO INDIAN PROGRAMS AND
- 5 FACILITIES.
- 6 (a) Strategic National Stockpile.—Section
- 7 319F-2(a)(3)(G) of the Public Health Service Act (42
- 8 U.S.C. 247d-6b(a)(3)(G)) is amended by inserting ", and,
- 9 in the case that the Secretary deploys the stockpile under
- 10 this subparagraph, ensure, in coordination with the appli-
- 11 cable States and programs and facilities, that appropriate
- 12 drugs, vaccines and other biological products, medical de-
- 13 vices, and other supplies are deployed by the Secretary di-
- 14 rectly to health programs or facilities operated by the In-
- 15 dian Health Service, an Indian Tribe, a Tribal organiza-
- 16 tion (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian
- 17 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act), or an
- 18 inter-Tribal consortium (as defined in section 501 of the
- 19 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act)
- 20 or through an urban Indian organization (as defined in
- 21 section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act),
- 22 while avoiding duplicative distributions to such programs
- 23 or facilities" before the semicolon.
- 24 (b) Distribution of Qualified Pandemic or Epi-
- 25 DEMIC PRODUCTS TO IHS FACILITIES.—Title III of the

- 1 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) is
- 2 amended by inserting after section 319F-4 the following:
- 3 "SEC. 319F-5. DISTRIBUTION OF QUALIFIED PANDEMIC OR
- 4 EPIDEMIC PRODUCTS TO INDIAN PROGRAMS
- 5 AND FACILITIES.
- 6 "In the case that the Secretary distributes qualified
- 7 pandemic or epidemic products (as defined in section
- 8 319F-3(i)(7)) to States or other entities, the Secretary
- 9 shall ensure, in coordination with the applicable States
- 10 and programs and facilities, that, as appropriate, such
- 11 products are distributed directly to health programs or fa-
- 12 cilities operated by the Indian Health Service, an Indian
- 13 Tribe, a Tribal organization (as those terms are defined
- 14 in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
- 15 cation Assistance Act), or an inter-Tribal consortium (as
- 16 defined in section 501 of the Indian Self-Determination
- 17 and Education Assistance Act) or through an urban In-
- 18 dian organization (as defined in section 4 of the Indian
- 19 Health Care Improvement Act), while avoiding duplicative
- 20 distributions to such programs or facilities.".

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