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# S. 657

To provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
of physical activity recommendations for Americans.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2017

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which  
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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and Human Services of physical activity recommenda-  
tions for Americans.

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 Physical Ac-  
5 tivity for Americans Act.

6 **SEC. 2. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR**  
7 **AMERICANS.**

8 (a) REPORTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,  
2           2020, and at least every 10 years thereafter, the  
3           Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred  
4           to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall publish  
5           a report that provides physical activity recommenda-  
6           tions for the people of the United States. Each such  
7           report shall contain physical activity information and  
8           recommendations for consideration and use by the  
9           general public, and shall be considered, as applicable  
10          and appropriate, by relevant Federal agencies in car-  
11          rying out relevant Federal health programs.

12          (2) BASIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—The infor-  
13          mation contained in each report required under  
14          paragraph (1) shall be based on the most current  
15          evidence-based scientific and medical knowledge at  
16          the time the report is prepared, and shall include ad-  
17          ditional information for population subgroups, such  
18          as children or individuals with disabilities, if sci-  
19          entific and medical evidence indicates that physical  
20          activity recommendations vary in such a manner  
21          that such stratification is warranted.

22          (3) UPDATE REPORTS.—Not later than 5 years  
23          after the publication of the first report under para-  
24          graph (1), and every 10 years thereafter, the Sec-  
25          retary shall publish an updated report detailing evi-

1        dence-based practices and highlighting continuing  
2        issues with respect to physical activity. The contents  
3        of reports under this paragraph may focus on a par-  
4        ticular group, subsection, or other division of the  
5        general public or on a particular issue relating to  
6        physical activity.

7        (b) INTERACTION WITH OTHER RECOMMENDA-  
8        TIONS.—Federal agencies proposing to issue physical ac-  
9        tivity recommendations that differ from the recommenda-  
10       tions in the most recent report published under subsection  
11       (a)(1) shall, as applicable and appropriate, take into con-  
12       sideration the recommendations provided through reports  
13       issued under this Act.

14       (c) EXISTING AUTHORITY NOT AFFECTED.—This  
15       section is not intended to limit the support of biomedical  
16       research by any Federal agency or to limit the presen-  
17       tation or communication of scientific or medical findings  
18       or review of such findings by any Federal agency.

19       (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
20       sion of this Act, no physical fitness standard established  
21       under this Act shall be binding on any individual as a mat-  
22       ter of Federal law or regulation.

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