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H. R. 525

To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and increase the number of veterinarians trained in veterinary public health.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. SCHRADER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Veterinary Public
5 Health Amendments Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH IN**
7 **CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE PRO-**
8 **VISIONS.**

9 (a) PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE GRANTS.—Sub-
10 sections (b)(1)(A) and (d)(6) of section 765 of the Public

1 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295) are amended by in-
2 serting “veterinary public health,” after “preventive medi-
3 cine,” each place it appears.

4 (b) PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE LOAN REPAY-
5 MENT PROGRAM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraphs (A) and (B)
7 of section 776(b)(1) of the Public Health Service
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 295f–1(b)(1)) are amended by strik-
9 ing “public health or health professions degree or
10 certificate” each place it appears and inserting
11 “public health (including veterinary public health) or
12 health professions degree or certificate”.

13 (2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Subparagraph
14 (A) of section 776(b)(1) of the Public Health Service
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 295f–1(b)(1)) is amended by adding
16 “or” at the end.

17 (c) DEFINITION.—Section 799B of the Public Health
18 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p) is amended by adding at
19 the end the following:

20 “(27) VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH.—The
21 term ‘veterinary public health’ includes veterinarians
22 engaged in one or more of the following areas to the
23 extent such areas have an impact on human health:
24 biodefense and emergency preparedness, emerging
25 and reemerging infectious diseases, environmental

1 health, ecosystem health, pre- and post-harvest food
2 protection, regulatory medicine, diagnostic labora-
3 tory medicine, veterinary pathology, biomedical re-
4 search, the practice of food animal medicine in rural
5 areas, and government practice.”.

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