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To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish programs for the prevention and control of Lyme disease.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER 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 “Lyme Disease Preven-
5 tion, Control, and Research Amendments of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS FOR PREVENTION**

7 **AND CONTROL OF LYME DISEASE.**

8 Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
9 241 et seq.), as amended by section 308 of Public Law

1 102–531 (106 Stat. 3495), is amended by inserting after
2 section 317D the following section:

3 “PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF LYME DISEASE

4 “SEC. 317E. (a) GENERAL PROGRAM.—

5 “(1) PROGRAM OF GRANTS.—The Secretary,
6 acting through the Director of the Centers for Dis-
7 ease Control and Prevention, may make grants to
8 public and nonprofit private entities for the purpose
9 of carrying out programs for the prevention, control,
10 and treatment of Lyme disease.

11 “(2) PREFERENCES IN MAKING GRANTS.—In
12 making grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary
13 shall give preference to public and nonprofit private
14 entities that agree to carry out the purposes for
15 which the grant is made in 1 or more States for
16 which, as of calendar year 1990—

17 “(A) a cumulative total of not less than
18 500 cases of Lyme disease was reported to and
19 confirmed by the Director of the Centers for
20 Disease Control and Prevention; or

21 “(B) the cumulative per capita incidence of
22 cases of such disease (reported to and con-
23 firmed by such Director) was not less than 5
24 cases per 100,000 individuals.

25 “(3) PRIORITIES AMONG AUTHORIZED PUR-
26 POSES.—In making grants under paragraph (1), the

1 Secretary shall give priority to making grants for
2 the following:

3 “(A) The development and evaluation of
4 strategies for the prevention and control of
5 Lyme disease (including, with respect to the
6 tick that carries the etiologic agent for the dis-
7 ease, strategies to manage deer and other
8 means through which the tick is introduced into
9 areas frequented by humans).

10 “(B) Demonstration projects (administered
11 by State or local departments of health) to im-
12 prove methods of estimating the incidence and
13 prevalence of such disease, including projects
14 involving the reporting by physicians of cases of
15 the disease.

16 “(C) Demonstration projects for the con-
17 trol of the disease in communities with a sub-
18 stantial incidence or prevalence of the disease.

19 “(D) Studies to determine the effects of
20 the disease on the individual and on society, in-
21 cluding the economic costs of the disease.

22 “(E) The improvement of diagnostic tests
23 for the disease.

1 “(F) The provision of information and
2 education to health care professionals and the
3 public.

4 “(G) Demonstration projects for treating
5 children for such disease.

6 “(b) NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTERS FOR PREVEN-
7 TION, CONTROL, AND TREATMENT.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
9 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
10 Control and Prevention, may make awards of grants
11 or contracts to public and nonprofit private entities
12 for the establishment or operation (or both) of not
13 more than 5 centers to carry out basic and clinical
14 research on the prevention, control, and treatment of
15 Lyme disease.

16 “(2) PREFERENCES IN MAKING AWARDS.—In
17 making awards under paragraph (1) for a center,
18 the Secretary shall give preference to an applicant
19 according to the extent to which the following ap-
20 plies to the applicant:

21 “(A) The applicant is experienced in con-
22 ducting research on the prevention, control, and
23 treatment of Lyme disease.

24 “(B) The center is or will be located in a
25 State described in subsection (a)(2).

1 “(C) The center is or will be located in a
2 geographic area in which individuals are em-
3 ployed in occupations involving a significant
4 risk of contracting Lyme disease.

5 “(D) The applicant has diagnosed not less
6 than 150 cases of such disease.

7 “(E) The applicant has cultured the etio-
8 logic agent for Lyme disease in mediums from
9 vectors, from animals, and from humans.

10 “(3) PRIORITIES AMONG ACTIVITIES OF CEN-
11 TERS.—The Secretary may make an award under
12 paragraph (1) only if the applicant involved agrees
13 that the center for which the award is made will give
14 priority to the following:

15 “(A) Conducting research on new treat-
16 ments for Lyme disease.

17 “(B) Conducting research on the develop-
18 ment of a vaccine to immunize individuals
19 against the disease.

20 “(C) Conducting studies of the latter
21 stages of such disease.

22 “(D) Conducting epidemiological studies of
23 such disease in particular populations of indi-
24 viduals.

1 “(4) AMOUNT OF AWARD.—The Secretary may
2 not make an award under paragraph (1) in an
3 amount less than \$500,000.

4 “(c) APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
5 may make an award of a grant or contract under sub-
6 section (a) or (b) only if an application for the award is
7 submitted to the Secretary and the application is in such
8 form, is made in such manner, and contains such agree-
9 ments, assurances, and information as the Secretary de-
10 termines to be necessary to carry out such subsection.

11 “(d) FUNDING.—

12 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
13 For the purpose of carrying out this section, there
14 are authorized to be appropriated \$4,000,000 for
15 fiscal year 1994, and such sums as may be nec-
16 essary for each of the fiscal years 1995 and 1996.
17 Such authorization of appropriations is in addition
18 to any other authorization of appropriations that is
19 available for such purpose.

20 “(2) ALLOCATIONS.—Of the amounts appro-
21 priated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the
22 Secretary shall make available 40 percent for carry-
23 ing out subsection (a) and 60 percent for carrying
24 out subsection (b).”.

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