

## **PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY AND BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE ACT OF 2002**

### **Public Law 107-188 107th Congress An Act**

To improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and to respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. <<NOTE: June 12, 2002 - [H.R. 3448]>> Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, <<NOTE: Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002.>>

#### **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE <<NOTE: 42 USC 201 note OF CONTENTS.**

(a) Short Title.--This Act may be cited as the ``Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002".

(b) Table of Contents.--The table of contents of the Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

### **TITLE I--NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS FOR BIOTERRORISM AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES**

#### **Subtitle A--National Preparedness and Response Planning, Coordinating, and Reporting**

Sec. 101. National preparedness and response.

Sec. 102. Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness; National Disaster Medical System.

Sec. 103. Improving ability of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sec. 104. Advisory committees and communications; study regarding communications abilities of public health agencies.

Sec. 105. Education of health care personnel; training regarding pediatric issues.

Sec. 106. Grants regarding shortages of certain health professionals.

*Sec. 107. Emergency system for advance registration of health professions volunteers.*

Sec. 108. Working group.

Sec. 109. Antimicrobial resistance.

Sec. 110. Supplies and services in lieu of award funds.

Sec. 111. Additional amendments.

#### **Subtitle B--Strategic National Stockpile; Development of Priority Countermeasures**

Sec. 121. Strategic national stockpile.

Sec. 122. Accelerated approval of priority countermeasures.

Sec. 123. Issuance of rule on animal trials.

Sec. 124. Security for countermeasure development and production.

Sec. 125. Accelerated countermeasure research and development.

Sec. 126. Evaluation of new and emerging technologies regarding bioterrorism attack and other public health emergencies.

Sec. 127. Potassium iodide.

Subtitle C--Improving State, Local, and Hospital Preparedness for and Response to Bioterrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies

Sec. 131. Grants to improve State, local, and hospital preparedness for and response to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

**Subtitle D--Emergency Authorities; Additional Provisions**

Sec. 141. Reporting deadlines.

Sec. 142. Streamlining and clarifying communicable disease quarantine provisions.

Sec. 143. Emergency waiver of Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP requirements.

Sec. 144. Provision for expiration of public health emergencies.

**SEC. 107. EMERGENCY SYSTEM FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS VOLUNTEERS.**

Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by section 106 of this Act, is amended by inserting after section 319H the following section:

SEC. 319I. EMERGENCY <<NOTE: 42 USC 247d-7b.>> SYSTEM FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS VOLUNTEERS.

“(a) In General.--The Secretary shall, directly or through an award of a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, establish and maintain a system for the advance registration of health professionals for the purpose of verifying the credentials, licenses, accreditations, and hospital privileges of such professionals when, during public health emergencies, the professionals volunteer to provide health services (referred to in this section as the ‘verification system’). In carrying out the preceding sentence, the Secretary shall provide for an electronic database for the verification system.

“(b) Certain Criteria.--The Secretary shall establish provisions regarding the promptness and efficiency of the system in collecting, storing, updating, and disseminating information on the credentials, licenses, accreditations, and hospital privileges of volunteers described in subsection (a).

“(c) Other Assistance.--The Secretary may make grants and provide technical assistance to States and other public or nonprofit private entities for activities relating to the verification system developed under subsection (a).

(d) Coordination Among States.--The Secretary may encourage each State to provide legal authority during a public health emergency for health professionals authorized in another State to provide certain health services to provide such health services in the State.

“(e) Rule of Construction.--This section may not be construed as authorizing the Secretary to issue requirements regarding the provision by the States of credentials, licenses, accreditations, or hospital privileges.

“(f) Authorization of Appropriations.--For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2006.”