

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3832

To establish a program at BARDA for developing medical countermeasures
for viral threats with pandemic potential.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2023

Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Ms. LEE of Nevada) 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 “Disease X Act of
5 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES FOR VIRAL THREATS**
7 **WITH PANDEMIC POTENTIAL.**

8 Section 319L(c)(4) of the Public Health Service Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 247d–7e(c)(4)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (D)—

1 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “; and” and
2 inserting a semicolon;

3 (B) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause
4 (v); and

5 (C) by inserting after clause (ii) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(iii) the identification and develop-
8 ment of platform manufacturing tech-
9 nologies needed for advanced development
10 and manufacturing of medical counter-
11 measures for viral families which have sig-
12 nificant potential to cause a pandemic;

13 “(iv) advanced research and develop-
14 ment of flexible medical countermeasures
15 against priority respiratory virus families
16 and other respiratory viral pathogens with
17 a significant potential to cause a pandemic,
18 with both pathogen-specific and pathogen-
19 agnostic approaches; and”;

20 (2) in subparagraph (F)—

21 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “; and” at
22 the end and inserting a semicolon;

23 (B) in clause (iii), by striking the period
24 and inserting “; and”; and

25 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(iv) priority virus families and other
2 viral pathogens with a significant potential
3 to cause a pandemic.”.

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