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To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect registration fees from members of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA (for himself and Ms. VAN DUYNE) 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 “Permanent OPTN Fee
5 Authority Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION**
2 **NETWORK.**

3 Section 372 of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 274) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

6 (A) by moving the margins of subpara-
7 graphs (M) through (O) 2 ems to the left;

8 (B) in subparagraph (A)—

9 (i) in clause (i), by striking “, and”
10 and inserting “; and”; and

11 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the
12 comma at the end and inserting a semi-
13 colon;

14 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking
15 “twenty-four-hour telephone service” and in-
16 serting “24-hour telephone or information tech-
17 nology service”;

18 (D) in each of subparagraphs (B) through
19 (M), by striking the comma at the end and in-
20 serting a semicolon;

21 (E) in subparagraph (N), by striking
22 “transportation, and” and inserting “transpor-
23 tation;”;

24 (F) in subparagraph (O), by striking the
25 period and inserting “; and”; and

26 (G) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(P) consider establishing a dashboard to dis-
2 play the number of transplants performed, the types
3 of transplants performed, the number and types of
4 organs that entered the Organ Procurement and
5 Transplantation Network system and failed to be
6 transplanted, and other appropriate statistics, which
7 should be updated more frequently than annually.”;
8 and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(d) REGISTRATION FEES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may collect
12 registration fees from any member of the Organ
13 Procurement and Transplantation Network for each
14 transplant candidate such member places on the list
15 described in subsection (b)(2)(A)(i). Such registra-
16 tion fees shall be collected and distributed only to
17 support the operation of the Organ Procurement
18 and Transplantation Network. Such registration fees
19 are authorized to remain available until expended.

20 “(2) COLLECTION.—The Secretary may collect
21 the registration fees under paragraph (1) directly or
22 through awards made under subsection (b)(1)(A).

23 “(3) DISTRIBUTION.—Any amounts collected
24 under this subsection shall—

1 “(A) be credited to the currently applicable
2 appropriation, account, or fund of the Depart-
3 ment of Health and Human Services as discre-
4 tionary offsetting collections; and

5 “(B) be available, only to the extent and in
6 the amounts provided in advance in appropria-
7 tions Acts, to distribute such fees among
8 awardees described in subsection (b)(1)(A).

9 “(4) TRANSPARENCY.—The Secretary shall—

10 “(A) promptly post on the website of the
11 Organ Procurement and Transplantation Net-
12 work—

13 “(i) the amount of registration fees
14 collected under this subsection from each
15 member of the Organ Procurement and
16 Transplantation Network; and

17 “(ii) a list of activities such fees are
18 used to support; and

19 “(B) update the information posted pursu-
20 ant to subparagraph (A), as applicable for each
21 calendar quarter for which fees are collected
22 under paragraph (1).

23 “(5) GAO REVIEW.—Not later than 2 years
24 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the

1 Comptroller General of the United States shall, to
2 the extent data are available—

3 “(A) conduct a review concerning the ac-
4 tivities under this subsection; and

5 “(B) submit to the Committee on Health,
6 Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Com-
7 mittee on Finance of the Senate and the Com-
8 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House
9 of Representatives, a report on such review, in-
10 cluding related recommendations, as applica-
11 ble.”.

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