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H. R. 628

To amend the Public Health Service Act to eliminate consideration of the income of organ recipients in providing reimbursement of expenses to donating individuals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBERNOLTE (for himself and Ms. DELBENE) 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 “Honor Our Living Do-
5 nors Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NO CONSIDERATION OF INCOME OF ORGAN RECIPI-**
2 **ENT.**

3 Section 377 of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 274f) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) through (f)
6 as subsections (d) through (g), respectively;

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(c) NO CONSIDERATION OF INCOME OF ORGAN RE-
10 CIPIENT.—The recipient of a grant under this section, in
11 providing reimbursement to a donating individual through
12 such grant, shall not give any consideration to the income
13 of the organ recipient.”; and

14 (3) in subsection (f), as so redesignated—

15 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
16 section (e)(1)” and inserting “subsection
17 (d)(1)”; and

18 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
19 section (e)(2)” and inserting “subsection
20 (d)(2)”.

21 **SEC. 3. REMOVAL OF EXPECTATION OF PAYMENTS BY**
22 **ORGAN RECIPIENTS.**

23 Section 377(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42
24 U.S.C. 274f(e)), as redesignated by section 2, is amend-
25 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding “or” at the
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “; or” and in-
4 serting a period; and

5 (3) by striking paragraph (3).

6 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT.**

7 Section 377 of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 274f), as amended by sections 2 and 3, is further
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(h) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than December 31
11 of each year, the Secretary shall—

12 “(1) prepare, submit to the Congress, and make
13 public a report on whether grants under this section
14 provided adequate funding during the preceding fis-
15 cal year to reimburse all donating individuals par-
16 ticipating in the grant program under this section
17 for all qualifying expenses; and

18 “(2) include in each such report—

19 “(A) the estimated number of all donating
20 individuals participating in the grant program
21 under this section who did not receive reim-
22 bursement for all qualifying expenses during
23 the preceding fiscal year; and

24 “(B) the total amount of funding that is
25 estimated to be necessary to fully reimburse all

1 donating individuals participating in the grant
2 program under this section for all qualifying ex-
3 penses.”.

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