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S. 946

To clarify training requirements for prescribers of controlled substances.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11 (legislative day, MARCH 10), 2025

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To clarify training requirements for prescribers of controlled
substances.

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 “Medication Access and
5 Training Expansion Improvement Act” or the “MATE
6 Improvement Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED TRAINING FOR PRESCRIBERS OF CON-**
8 **TROLLED SUBSTANCES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Controlled
10 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second subsection designated as subsection (l) as subsection (m); and

(2) in subsection (m)(1), as so redesignated—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in clause (iv)—

(I) in subclause (I)—

(aa) by inserting “the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Podiatric Medical Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Optometric Association,” before “or any other organization”;

(bb) by striking “or the Commission” and inserting “, the Commission”; and

(cc) by inserting “, or the Council on Podiatric Medical Education” before the semicolon at the end; and

(II) in subclause (III), by inserting “or the American Academy of Family Physicians” after “Association”; and

(ii) in clause (v), in the matter preceding subclause (I)—

(I) by striking “osteopathic medicine, dental surgery” and inserting “osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, dental surgery”; and

(II) by striking “or dental medicine curriculum” and inserting “or dental or podiatric medicine curriculum”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in clause (i)—

(I) by inserting “the American Pharmacists Association, the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, the American Academy of Nursing, the American Academy of Family Physicians,” before “or any other organization”; and

(II) by inserting “, the American Academy of Family Physicians,” before “or the Accreditation Council”; and

(ii) in clause (ii)—

1 (I) by striking “or accredited
2 school” and inserting “, an accredited
3 school”; and

4 (II) by inserting “, or an accred-
5 ited school of pharmacy” before “in
6 the United States”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on December
9 29, 2022.

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