

## COMMITTEE PRINT

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111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2999

To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and increase the number  
of veterinarians trained in veterinary public health.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2009

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania,  
and Mr. SCHRADER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and  
increase the number of veterinarians trained in veteri-  
nary public health.

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 “Veterinary Public  
5 Health Amendments Act of 2010”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH IN**  
2 **CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE PRO-**  
3 **VISIONS.**

4 (a) PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE GRANTS.—Sub-  
5 sections (b)(1)(A) and (d)(6) of section 765 of the Public  
6 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295) are amended by in-  
7 serting “veterinary public health,” after “preventive medi-  
8 cine,” each place it appears.

9 (b) PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE LOAN REPAY-  
10 MENT PROGRAM.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraphs (A) and (B)  
12 of section 776(b)(1) of the Public Health Service  
13 Act (42 U.S.C. 295f-1(b)(1)) are amended by strik-  
14 ing “public health or health professions degree or  
15 certificate” each place it appears and inserting  
16 “public health (including veterinary public health) or  
17 health professions degree or certificate”.

18 (2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Subparagraph  
19 (A) of section 776(b)(1) of the Public Health Service  
20 Act (42 U.S.C. 295f-1(b)(1)) is amended by adding  
21 “or” at the end.

22 (c) DEFINITION.—Section 799B of the Public Health  
23 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p) is amended by adding at  
24 the end the following:

25 “(27) VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH.—The  
26 term ‘veterinary public health’ includes veterinarians

1 engaged in one or more of the following areas to the  
2 extent such areas have an impact on human health:  
3 biodefense and emergency preparedness, emerging  
4 and reemerging infectious diseases, environmental  
5 health, ecosystem health, pre- and post-harvest food  
6 protection, regulatory medicine, diagnostic labora-  
7 tory medicine, veterinary pathology, biomedical re-  
8 search, treatment of food animals in underserved  
9 areas, and government practice.”.