

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5695

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to annually notify health care providers regarding permitted disclosures under Federal health care privacy law during emergencies, including overdoses, of certain health information to families, caregivers, and health care providers.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2018

Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself, Mr. WALBERG, and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

---

## A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to annually notify health care providers regarding permitted disclosures under Federal health care privacy law during emergencies, including overdoses, of certain health information to families, caregivers, and health care providers.

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 “Emmett’s Law”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES DURING EMER-**  
2 **GENCIES.**

3 (a) **PROMOTING AWARENESS OF AUTHORIZED DIS-**  
4 **CLOSURES DURING EMERGENCIES.**—The Secretary of  
5 Health and Human Services, acting through the Adminis-  
6 trator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7 and the Administration of the Health Resources and Serv-  
8 ices Administration, shall annually develop and dissemi-  
9 nate written materials (electronically or by other means)  
10 to health care providers regarding permitted disclosures  
11 under Federal health care privacy law during emergencies,  
12 including overdoses, of certain health information to fami-  
13 lies, caregivers, and health care providers.

14 (b) **USE OF MATERIAL.**—For the purposes of car-  
15 rying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Health and  
16 Human Services may use material produced under section  
17 11004 of the 21st Century Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d-  
18 2 note).

○