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115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Indians.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. TORRES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Indians.

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 “Special Diabetes Pro-  
5 gram for Indians Reauthorization Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that:

8 (1) American Indians and Alaska Natives are  
9 disproportionately affected by diabetes.

1           (2) Approximately 16 percent of American In-  
2           dian and Alaska Native people have diabetes com-  
3           pared to only 12 percent of the general United  
4           States population.

5           (3) The death rate due to diabetes for Amer-  
6           ican Indians and Alaska Natives is 1.6 times higher  
7           than for the general population.

8           (4) In response to the growing epidemic of dia-  
9           betes among Native communities, Congress author-  
10          ized the Special Diabetes Programs for Indians in  
11          1997.

12          (5) Since the first authorization, the Special Di-  
13          abetes Programs for Indians have—

14                (A) made it possible for Native commu-  
15                nities to develop and sustain quality diabetes  
16                treatment and prevention programs, includ-  
17                ing—

18                       (i) a 40-percent increase in number of  
19                       diabetes clinics;

20                       (ii) a 42-percent increase in access to  
21                       registered nutritionists; and

22                       (iii) a 61-percent increase in avail-  
23                       ability of culturally tailored education pro-  
24                       grams;

1 (B) resulted in concrete health outcomes,  
2 like a 48-percent decrease in end-stage renal  
3 disease among American Indian and Alaska Na-  
4 tive populations; and

5 (C) led to millions of dollars in healthcare  
6 cost savings by decreasing the prevalence of  
7 costly preventable diabetes complications.

8 (6) Due to the continued positive impact of the  
9 Special Diabetes Programs for Indians on Native  
10 communities and the large return on investment for  
11 healthcare funding, Congress has shown its support  
12 for the programs by—

13 (A) reauthorizing the Special Diabetes  
14 Programs for Indians no less than 8 times; and

15 (B) sending letters of support for the Spe-  
16 cial Diabetes Programs to Congressional leader-  
17 ship signed by more than 350 Representatives  
18 and 75 Senators.

19 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE SPECIAL DIABETES**  
20 **PROGRAMS FOR INDIANS.**

21 Section 330C(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
22 U.S.C. 254c-3(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (2)  
23 and inserting the following:

24 “(2) APPROPRIATIONS.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of  
2 making grants under this section, there is ap-  
3 propriated, out of any money in the Treasury  
4 not otherwise appropriated—

5           “(i) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year  
6 2018; and

7           “(ii) the amount specified in subpara-  
8 graph (B) for each of fiscal years 2019  
9 through 2024.

10          “(B) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

11           “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any  
12 of fiscal years 2019 through 2024, the dol-  
13 lar amount in subparagraph (A)(i) shall be  
14 increased by an amount equal to the prod-  
15 uct of—

16           “(I) such dollar amount; and

17           “(II) the percentage increase in  
18 the medical care component of the  
19 consumer price index for the previous  
20 fiscal year as calculated by United  
21 States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

22           “(ii) ROUNDING.—If the amount of  
23 any increase under clause (i) is not a mul-  
24 tiple of \$10, such increase shall be rounded  
25 to the next lowest multiple of \$10.”.