

H. R. 3578

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 1977

Mr. MITCHELL of Maryland (for himself, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. ROE, Mr. SEIBERLING, Mr. FUQUA, Mr. STARK, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. KASTENMEIER, Mr. ROYBAL, Mr. MOAKLEY, Ms. FENWICK, Mr. DIGGS, Mr. WEISS, Mr. GLICKMAN, Mr. YATRON, Mr. BADILLO, Mr. RODINO, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. KEYS, Mr. DOWNEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CORRADA, Mr. SIMON, Mr. DUNCAN of Oregon, and Mr. METCALFE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the control of vitiligo.

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. This Act shall be cited as the "National
4 Vitiligo Control Act".

5 FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

6 SEC. 2. The Congress finds and declares that—

7 (1) vitiligo is a disfiguring, inheritable disease which
8 cripples the personality of individuals suffering from it
9 and which afflicts approximately 3 per centum of the

1 population of the United States without regard to race,
2 color, sex, or ethnic origin;

3 (2) the disease has been largely neglected;

4 (3) the disease is a tragic burden which is likely
5 to strike children born to parents who both bear the
6 vitiligo trait;

7 (4) efforts to prevent vitiligo must be directed
8 toward increased research into the cause and treatment
9 of the disease, and the education, screening, and coun-
10 seling of carriers of the vitiligo trait;

11 (5) the programs to control vitiligo must be based
12 entirely upon the voluntary cooperation of the individ-
13 uals involved; and

14 (6) the attainment of better methods of control,
15 diagnosis, and treatment of vitiligo deserves the highest
16 priority.

17 **AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC HEALTH ACT**

18 **SEC. 3. (a)** Title XI of the Public Health Service Act
19 is amended by adding after part C the following new part:

20 **“PART D—VITILIGO PROGRAMS**

21 **“VITILIGO INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

22 **“SEC. 1131. (a) (1)** The Secretary shall carry out a
23 program to develop information and educational materials
24 relating to vitiligo and to disseminate such information and

1 materials to persons providing health care and to the public
2 generally. The Secretary may carry out such program
3 through grants to or contracts with public and nonprofit
4 private entities.

5 “(b) For the purpose of making payments pursuant
6 to grants and contracts under this section, there is authorized
7 to be appropriated \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 1978.

8 “PROJECT GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

9 “SEC. 1132. (a) The Secretary may make grants to
10 public and nonprofit private entities, and enter into con-
11 tracts with such entities and with individuals, for projects
12 for (1) research and research training in the diagnosis,
13 treatment, and control of vitiligo, and (2) the development
14 of programs to educate the public regarding the nature and
15 inheritance of vitiligo.

16 “(b) For the purpose of making payments pursuant
17 to grants and contracts under this section, there is author-
18 ized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1978.

19 “VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

20 “SEC. 1133. The participation by any individual in any
21 program or portion thereof under this part shall be wholly
22 voluntary and shall not be a prerequisite to eligibility for or
23 receipt of any other service or assistance from, or to par-
24 ticipation in, any other program.

1 the Secretary shall (1) take into account the number of per-
2 sons to be served by the programs or projects supported
3 by such grant or contract and the extent to which rapid and
4 effective use will be made of funds under the grant or con-
5 tract; and (2) give priority to programs and projects
6 located in areas which the Secretary determines have the
7 greatest number of persons in need of the services provided
8 under such programs or projects.

9 "REPORTS

10 "SEC. 1135. (a) The Secretary shall prepare and sub-
11 mit to the President for transmittal to the Congress, on or
12 before August 1, 1978, a comprehensive report on the
13 administration of this part.

14 "(b) The reports required by subsection (a) shall con-
15 tain such recommendations for additional legislation as the
16 Secretary deems necessary."

17 (b) The title of title XI of such Act is amended by
18 striking out "BLOOD".

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