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
- 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	"APPLICATION: ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT AND
2	CONTRACT PROGRAMS
3	"SEC. 1134. (a) A grant under this part may be made
4	upon application to the Secretary at such time, in such
5	manner, and containing and accompanied by such infor-
6	mation, as the Secretary deems necessary. Each applicant
7	shall—
8	"(1) provide that the program or project for which
9	assistance under this part is sought will be administered
10	by or under the supervision of the applicant;
11	"(2) provide for strict confidentiality of all test
12	results, medical records, and other information regarding
13	treatment of any person treated in connection with a
14	project assisted under this part, except for (A) such
15	information as the patient (or his guardian) consents to
16	be released; or (B) statistical data compiled without
17	reference to the identity of any such patient;
18	"(3) set forth such fiscal control and fund account-
19	ing procedures as may be necessary to assure proper dis-
20	bursement of and accounting for Federal funds paid to
21	the applicant under this part; and
22	"(4) provide for making such reports in such
23	form and containing such information as the Secretary
24	may reasonably require.
25	"(b) In making any grant or contract under this part,

- 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
- "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.
- "(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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