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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program under section 330J of the Public Health Service Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DUFFY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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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 “Hometown Heroes Re-
5 lief Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF RURAL EMERGENCY MED-**
2 **ICAL SERVICE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT**
3 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 330J of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 254c-15) is amended by striking subsections (c)
6 through (g) and inserting the following:

7 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity shall use amounts
8 received under a grant made under subsection (a) of this
9 section, either directly or through grants to emergency
10 medical service squads that are located in, or that serve
11 residents of, a nonmetropolitan statistical area, an area
12 designated as a rural area by any law or regulation of
13 a State, or a rural census tract of a metropolitan statis-
14 tical area (as determined under the most recent Goldsmith
15 Modification, originally published in a notice of availability
16 of funds in the Federal Register on February 27, 1992,
17 57 Fed. Reg. 6725), to—

18 “(1) train emergency medical service personnel
19 in emergency response, injury prevention, safety
20 awareness, and other topics relevant to the delivery
21 of emergency medical services;

22 “(2) fund specific training to meet Federal or
23 State certification requirements;

24 “(3) develop new ways to educate emergency
25 health care providers through the use of technology-

1 enhanced educational methods (such as distance
2 learning);

3 “(4) acquire emergency medical services equip-
4 ment; and

5 “(5) acquire personal protective equipment for
6 emergency medical services personnel as required by
7 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

8 “(d) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.—In this sec-
9 tion, the term ‘emergency medical services’—

10 “(1) means resources used by a qualified public
11 or private nonprofit entity, or by any other entity
12 recognized as qualified by the State involved, to de-
13 liver medical care outside of a medical facility under
14 emergency conditions that occur as a result of the
15 condition of the patient; and

16 “(2) includes services delivered by an emer-
17 gency medical services provider (either compensated
18 or volunteer) or other provider recognized by the
19 State involved that is licensed or certified by the
20 State as an emergency medical technician or its
21 equivalent (as determined by the State), a registered
22 nurse, a physician assistant, or a physician that pro-
23 vides services similar to services provided by such an
24 emergency medical services provider.

25 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
2 appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000
3 for each fiscal years 2018 through 2022.

4 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary
5 may use not more than 10 percent of the amount
6 appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year
7 for the administrative expenses of carrying out this
8 section.”.