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H. R. 471

To prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from lessening the stringency of, and to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from ceasing or lessening implementation of, the COVID–19 border health provisions through the end of the COVID–19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2021

Ms. HERRELL (for herself, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BURCHETT, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. FALLON, Mr. CARL, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BROOKS, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GAETZ, and Mr. CAWTHORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Americans
3 from Unnecessary Spread upon Entry from COVID–19
4 Act of 2021” or the “PAUSE Act of 2021”.

5 **SEC. 2. MAINTAINING THE STRINGENCY OF COVID–19 BOR-**
6 **DER HEALTH PROVISIONS THROUGH THE**
7 **END OF THE PANDEMIC.**

8 (a) HHS.—The Secretary of Health and Human
9 Services shall not remove, or lessen the stringency of, the
10 COVID–19 border health provisions unless and until—

11 (1) the public health emergency declared for
12 COVID–19 under section 319 of the Public Health
13 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), including renewals
14 thereof, is no longer in effect;

15 (2) the public health emergencies declared for
16 COVID–19 by all States, including renewals thereof,
17 are no longer in effect; and

18 (3) the Director of the Centers for Disease
19 Control and Prevention reduces the travelers’ health
20 risk level for introducing, transmitting, and spread-
21 ing COVID–19 in or from Canada and Mexico to
22 Level 1.

23 (b) HOMELAND SECURITY.—The Secretary of Home-
24 land Security shall not cease or lessen the implementation
25 of the COVID–19 border health provisions unless and
26 until each of the conditions listed in subsection (a) is met.

1 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “COVID–
2 19 border health provisions” means the restrictions estab-
3 lished under part G of title III of the Public Health Serv-
4 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 264 et seq.; relating to quarantine and
5 inspection) to prevent the introduction, transmission, or
6 spread of COVID–19 from one or more foreign countries
7 into the United States, including the order titled “Order
8 under Section 362 & 365 of the Public Health Service Act
9 (42 U.S.C. §§ 265, 268): Order Suspending the Right To
10 Introduce Certain Persons from Countries Where a Quar-
11 antinable Communicable Disease Exists” issued by the Di-
12 rector of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
13 on October 13, 2020.

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