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H. R. 6849

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to require long term care facilities to report certain information relating to COVID-19 cases and deaths.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HORSFORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Nursing Facility Qual-
5 ity Reporting Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES TO RE-**
2 **PORT CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO**
3 **COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
6 retary”) shall, as soon as practicable, require that the in-
7 formation described in paragraph (1) of section 483.80(g)
8 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, or a successor
9 regulation, be reported by a facility (as defined for pur-
10 poses of such section).

11 (b) DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.—The Secretary
12 shall post the following information with respect to skilled
13 nursing facilities (as defined in section 1819(a) of the So-
14 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3(a))) and nursing fa-
15 cilities (as defined in section 1919(a) of such Act (42
16 U.S.C. 1396r(a))) on the Nursing Home Compare website
17 (as described in section 1819(i) of the Social Security Act
18 (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3(i))), or a successor website, aggre-
19 gated by State:

20 (1) The age, race/ethnicity, and preferred lan-
21 guage of the residents of such skilled nursing facili-
22 ties and nursing facilities with suspected or con-
23 firmed COVID-19 infections, including residents
24 previously treated for COVID-19.

25 (2) The age, race/ethnicity, and preferred lan-
26 guage relating to total deaths and COVID-19 deaths

1 among residents of such skilled nursing facilities and
2 nursing facilities.

3 (c) CONFIDENTIALITY.—Any information reported
4 under this section that is made available to the public shall
5 be made so available in a manner that protects the identity
6 of residents of skilled nursing facilities and nursing facili-
7 ties.

8 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary may imple-
9 ment the provisions of this section be program instruction
10 or otherwise.

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