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# H. R. 8137

To amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure accurate and timely reporting of smoking variants through updating the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 28, 2020

Mr. TRONE (for himself and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Accurate Reporting  
5 of Smoking Variants Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
2           vention has reported 2,807 lung injuries and 68 con-  
3           firmed deaths from vaping-related injuries.

4           (2) According to the 2019 National Youth To-  
5           bacco Survey, over 5 million kids were reported to  
6           be currently using electronic nicotine delivery sys-  
7           tems (ENDS), or e-cigarettes.

8           (3) Repeated prolonged exposure to aerosols  
9           found in e-cigarettes and vaping devices pose con-  
10          siderable potential risk, the long-term health con-  
11          sequences of which also remain to be determined.

12 **SEC. 3. ENSURING ACCURATE AND TIMELY REPORTING OF**  
13 **SMOKING VARIANTS.**

14          (a) **UPDATING THE FEDERAL HEALTH IT STRA-**  
15 **TEGIC PLAN.**—Section 3001(c)(3)(A) of the Public Health  
16 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300jj–11(c)(3)(A)) is amended by  
17 adding at the end the following new clause:

18                           “(ix) Strategies to enable, through the  
19                           use of electronic health records, the accu-  
20                           rate and timely collection and use of infor-  
21                           mation on the use of electronic nicotine de-  
22                           livery systems, vaping, water pipes, and  
23                           other variations of smoking in the same  
24                           manner as, through such records, informa-  
25                           tion on smoking is collected and used.”.

1       (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after  
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
3 Health and Human Services shall issue such regulations  
4 as are necessary to carry out the amendment made by sub-  
5 section (a).

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