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S. 171

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 31, 2023

Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Ending Discrimination
5 in COVID–19 Treatments Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE COVID-19 TREATMENTS**
2 **AND VACCINES.**

3 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
4 require States, local governmental entities, and private en-
5 tities, as a condition for receipt from the Federal Govern-
6 ment of any COVID-19 treatment or vaccine, or any
7 funding or other items related to any such treatment or
8 vaccine, to ensure that determinations of patient eligibility
9 for such treatment or vaccine do not take into consider-
10 ation the race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, dis-
11 ability, vaccination status, veteran status, or political ide-
12 ology or speech of a patient.

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