

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2890

To allow participants in the National Health Service Corps to defer their obligated service in order to receive training in palliative care services.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Provider Training in  
5 Palliative Care Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFERRAL OF OBLIGATED SERVICES FOR TRAIN-**  
7 **ING IN PALLIATIVE CARE.**

8 Section 331 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 254d) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-  
2           section (k); and

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
4           lowing:

5           “(j) In carrying out subpart III, the Secretary may  
6           issue deferrals of the period of obligated service to individ-  
7           uals who have entered into a contract for obligated service  
8           under the Scholarship Program or the Loan Repayment  
9           Program and who apply for such a deferral in order to  
10          receive training in palliative care. The Secretary may  
11          grant such a deferral to such an individual for a period  
12          of up to 1 year.”.

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