

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 3550

To clarify training requirements for prescribers of controlled substances.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 14, 2023

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-  
cation, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

To clarify training requirements for prescribers of controlled  
substances.

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 “Medication Access and  
5 Training Expansion Improvement Act” or the “MATE  
6 Improvement Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED TRAINING FOR PRESCRIBERS OF CON-**  
8 **TROLLED SUBSTANCES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Controlled  
10 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating the second subsection des-  
2           ignated as subsection (l) as subsection (m); and

3           (2) in subsection (m)(1), as so redesignated—

4                 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

5                     (i) in clause (iv)—

6                         (I) in subclause (I)—

7                             (aa) by inserting “the Amer-  
8                             ican Academy of Family Physi-  
9                             cians, the American Podiatric  
10                            Medical Association, the Acad-  
11                            emy of General Dentistry, the  
12                            American Optometric Associa-  
13                            tion,” before “or any other orga-  
14                            nization”;

15                            (bb) by striking “or the  
16                            Commission” and inserting “, the  
17                            Commission”; and

18                            (cc) by inserting “, or the  
19                            Council on Podiatric Medical  
20                            Education” before the semicolon  
21                            at the end; and

22                         (II) in subclause (III), by insert-  
23                         ing “or the American Academy of  
24                         Family Physicians” after “Associa-  
25                         tion”; and

1 (ii) in clause (v), in the matter pre-  
2 ceding subclause (I)—

3 (I) by striking “osteopathic medi-  
4 cine, dental surgery” and inserting  
5 “osteopathic medicine, podiatric medi-  
6 cine, dental surgery”; and

7 (II) by striking “or dental medi-  
8 cine curriculum” and inserting “or  
9 dental or podiatric medicine cur-  
10 rriculum”; and

11 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

12 (i) in clause (i)—

13 (I) by inserting “the American  
14 Pharmacists Association, the Accredi-  
15 tation Council on Pharmacy Edu-  
16 cation, the American Psychiatric  
17 Nurses Association, the American  
18 Academy of Nursing, the American  
19 Academy of Family Physicians,” be-  
20 fore “or any other organization”; and

21 (II) by inserting “, the American  
22 Academy of Family Physicians,” be-  
23 fore “or the Accreditation Council”;  
24 and

25 (ii) in clause (ii)—

1 (I) by striking “or accredited  
2 school” and inserting “, an accredited  
3 school”; and

4 (II) by inserting “, or an accred-  
5 ited school of pharmacy” before “in  
6 the United States”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8 subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on December  
9 29, 2022.

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