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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To establish a program at BARDA for developing medical countermeasures
for viral threats with pandemic potential.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. TRAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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countermeasures for viral threats with pandemic potential.

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 “Disease X Act of
5 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES FOR VIRAL THREATS**

7 **WITH PANDEMIC POTENTIAL.**

8 Section 319L(c)(4) of the Public Health Service Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 247d–7e(c)(4)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (D)—

2 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “; and” and
3 inserting a semicolon;

4 (B) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause
5 (v); and

6 (C) by inserting after clause (ii) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(iii) the identification and develop-
9 ment of platform manufacturing tech-
10 nologies needed for advanced development
11 and manufacturing of medical counter-
12 measures for viral families which have sig-
13 nificant potential to cause a pandemic;

14 “(iv) advanced research and develop-
15 ment of flexible medical countermeasures
16 against priority respiratory virus families
17 and other respiratory viral pathogens with
18 a significant potential to cause a pandemic,
19 with both pathogen-specific and pathogen-
20 agnostic approaches; and”;

21 (2) in subparagraph (F)—

22 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “; and” at
23 the end and inserting a semicolon;

24 (B) in clause (iii), by striking the period
25 and inserting “; and”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(iv) priority virus families and other
3 viral pathogens with a significant potential
4 to cause a pandemic.”.