

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4390

To reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program under section 330J of the Public Health Service Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2017

Mr. GIANFORTE (for himself and Mr. DUFFY) 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 “Hometown Heroes Re-  
5 lief Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF RURAL EMERGENCY MED-**  
2 **ICAL SERVICE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT**  
3 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 330J of the Public Health Service Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 254c-15) is amended by striking subsections (c)  
6 through (g) and inserting the following:

7 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity shall use amounts  
8 received under a grant made under subsection (a) of this  
9 section, either directly or through grants to emergency  
10 medical service squads that are located in, or that serve  
11 residents of, a nonmetropolitan statistical area, an area  
12 designated as a rural area by any law or regulation of  
13 a State, or a rural census tract of a metropolitan statis-  
14 tical area (as determined under the most recent Goldsmith  
15 Modification, originally published in a notice of availability  
16 of funds in the Federal Register on February 27, 1992,  
17 57 Fed. Reg. 6725), to—

18 “(1) train emergency medical service personnel  
19 in emergency response, injury prevention, safety  
20 awareness, and other topics relevant to the delivery  
21 of emergency medical services;

22 “(2) fund specific training to meet Federal or  
23 State certification requirements;

24 “(3) develop new ways to educate emergency  
25 health care providers through the use of technology-

1 enhanced educational methods (such as distance  
2 learning);

3 “(4) acquire emergency medical services equip-  
4 ment; and

5 “(5) acquire personal protective equipment for  
6 emergency medical services personnel as required by  
7 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

8 “(d) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.—In this sec-  
9 tion, the term ‘emergency medical services’—

10 “(1) means resources used by a qualified public  
11 or private nonprofit entity, or by any other entity  
12 recognized as qualified by the State involved, to de-  
13 liver medical care outside of a medical facility under  
14 emergency conditions that occur as a result of the  
15 condition of the patient; and

16 “(2) includes services delivered by an emer-  
17 gency medical services provider (either compensated  
18 or volunteer) or other provider recognized by the  
19 State involved that is licensed or certified by the  
20 State as an emergency medical technician or its  
21 equivalent (as determined by the State), a registered  
22 nurse, a physician assistant, or a physician that pro-  
23 vides services similar to services provided by such an  
24 emergency medical services provider.

25 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
2           appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000  
3           for each fiscal years 2018 through 2022.

4           “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary  
5           may use not more than 10 percent of the amount  
6           appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year  
7           for the administrative expenses of carrying out this  
8           section.”.

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