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H. R. 6145

To require certain equestrian helmets to include a warning label, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIMES (for himself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. ESTY, and Mr. CARNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Christen O’Donnell
5 Equestrian Helmet Labeling Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. EQUESTRIAN HELMETS.**

7 (a) LABEL REQUIRED ON CERTAIN EQUESTRIAN
8 HELMETS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Consumer Product
10 Safety Commission shall issue a rule under section

1 553 of title 5, United States Code, that requires a
2 label for an equestrian helmet that—

3 (A) is manufactured for sale, offered for
4 sale, distributed in commerce, or imported into
5 the United States; and

6 (B) does not meet the ASTM International
7 standard designated as F1163, or a successor
8 standard.

9 (2) LABELING REQUIREMENTS.—The label re-
10 quired under paragraph (1) shall—

11 (A) be prominently and conspicuously dis-
12 played—

13 (i) on the interior of the helmet, any
14 packaging of the helmet, and on any de-
15 scriptive materials that accompany the hel-
16 met; and

17 (ii) on any advertising or other de-
18 scription of the helmet;

19 (B) be clearly visible, noticeable, and in the
20 English language;

21 (C) not be removable; and

22 (D) include the word “WARNING” in cap-
23 ital letters and a description that the equestrian
24 helmet is not an approved safety helmet.

1 (3) TREATMENT AS CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFE-
2 TY RULE.—The rule issued under paragraph (1)
3 shall be treated as a consumer product safety rule
4 under section 9 of the Consumer Product Safety Act
5 (15 U.S.C. 2058).

6 (b) CHRISTEN O'DONNELL MEMORIAL GRANTS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services acting through the Director of the
9 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (in this
10 section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall make
11 grants to eligible entities on a competitive basis for
12 education and awareness campaigns, programs, and
13 materials described in paragraph (3).

14 (2) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant pursuant
15 to paragraph (1), an eligible entity shall submit to
16 the Secretary an application at such time, in such
17 form, and containing such information and assur-
18 ances as the Secretary may require.

19 (3) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—An eligible entity
20 receiving a grant pursuant to paragraph (1) shall
21 use such grant for education and awareness cam-
22 paigns, programs, and materials on—

23 (A) proper equestrian helmet selection and
24 wear for new, current, and incoming equestrian
25 riders and guardians; and

1 (B) the dangers of nonapproved headgear
2 and not wearing an approved equestrian helmet
3 (as approved by a standards development orga-
4 nization).

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
7 ty” means—

8 (A) a State;

9 (B) a political subdivision of a State; or

10 (C) an entity that is described under sec-
11 tion 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of
12 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a)
13 of such Code.

14 (2) EQUESTRIAN HELMET.—The term “eques-
15 trian helmet” means a head covering that—

16 (A) is a hard shell or a “hunt cap” style
17 hat; and

18 (B) is intended, or could reasonably be ex-
19 pected, to be worn while participating in an
20 equestrian event or activity other than polo,
21 horse racing, or rodeo.

22 (d) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No ad-
23 ditional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry
24 out the requirements of this section. Such requirements

- 1 shall be carried out using amounts otherwise authorized
- 2 to be appropriated.

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