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H. R. 6432

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a task force to conduct a study on physician shortages, including barriers to physicians trained abroad practicing in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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. TASK FORCE TO STUDY PHYSICIAN SHORT-**
4 **AGES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services shall establish a task force to conduct
7 a study—

1 (1) evaluating and quantifying—

2 (A) the impact of physician shortages in
3 the United States; and

4 (B) the costs incurred by Federal Govern-
5 ment and State and local governments due to
6 such shortages;

7 (2) quantifying the number of individuals
8 who—

9 (A) completed training outside the United
10 States to practice as a physician;

11 (B) reside in the United States; and

12 (C) do not practice as a physician; and

13 (3) determining the reasons why individuals de-
14 scribed in paragraph (2) are not practicing as a phy-
15 sician, including identification of regulatory and
16 other barriers to such practice.

17 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary of Health and Human
18 Services shall require the task force established under sub-
19 section (a) to submit to the Congress not later than 2
20 years after the date of enactment of this Act a report—

21 (1) summarizing the results of the study under
22 subsection (a); and

1 (2) making recommendations to ease barriers to
2 individuals described in subsection (a)(2) practicing
3 as physicians in the United States.

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