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# H. R. 6715

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 27, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Protecting Our Protec-  
5 tors Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREPARING FOR AND RESPONDING TO MASS CAS-**  
2 **UALTY INCIDENTS.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—The Secretary  
4 of Homeland Security, acting through the Administrator  
5 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and in  
6 consultation with the Assistant Secretary, Office of Health  
7 Affairs and Chief Medical Officer of the Department of  
8 Homeland Security, shall make grants to State and local  
9 governments to assist in preparing for and responding to  
10 mass casualty incidents resulting from natural disasters  
11 and acts of terrorism and other man-made disasters.

12 (b) **USE OF GRANTS.**—The grants shall be used for  
13 the following purposes:

14 (1) To strengthen medical surge capacity.

15 (2) To strengthen mass prophylaxis capabilities,  
16 including the development and maintenance of an  
17 initial pharmaceutical stockpile sufficient to protect  
18 first responders, their families, and immediate vic-  
19 tims from a chemical or biological event.

20 (3) To procure home medical kits that are ap-  
21 proved pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug, Cos-  
22 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) or the Public  
23 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.), as appli-  
24 cable.

25 (c) **GUIDANCE ON ANTHRAX EXPOSURE.**—The Ad-  
26 ministrator shall issue guidance on anthrax exposure and

1 proper administration of the anthrax vaccine, either pre-  
2 or post-exposure.

3 (d) ANNUAL REPORT ON VACCINATION LEVELS OF  
4 EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS.—The Centers for Dis-  
5 ease Control and Prevention shall issue an annual report  
6 on the vaccination levels of emergency service providers.

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