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To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the regulation of medical devices, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “_____ Act of
5 _____”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS; REFERENCES IN ACT.**

7 (a) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents; references in Act.

Sec. 3. Reclassification procedures.

- Sec. 4. Condition of approval studies.
- Sec. 5. Postmarket surveillance.
- Sec. 6. Sentinel.
- Sec. 7. Recalls.
- Sec. 8. Clinical holds on investigational device exemptions.
- Sec. 9. Unique device identifier.
- Sec. 10. Clarification of least burdensome standard.
- Sec. 11. Agency documentation and review of certain decisions regarding devices.
- Sec. 12. Good guidance practices relating to devices.
- Sec. 13. Performance standard.
- Sec. 14. Modification of de novo application process.
- Sec. 15. Humanitarian use device exemptions.
- Sec. 16. Reauthorization of third-party review.
- Sec. 17. Advisory committee conflicts of interest.

1 (b) REFERENCES IN ACT.—Except as otherwise spec-
2 ified, amendments made by this Act to a section or other
3 provision of law are amendments to such section or other
4 provision of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
5 (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

6 **SEC. 3. RECLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES.**

7 (a) CLASSIFICATION CHANGES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 513(e)(1) (21
9 U.S.C. 360c(e)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(e)(1) Based on new information respecting a de-
11 vice, the Secretary may, upon the initiative of the Sec-
12 retary or upon petition of an interested person, change
13 the classification of such device, and revoke, on account
14 of the change in classification, any regulation or require-
15 ment in effect under section 514 or 515 with respect to
16 such device, by administrative order published in the Fed-
17 eral Register following publication of a proposed reclassi-
18 fication order in the Federal Register, a meeting of a de-

1 vice classification panel described in subsection (b), and
2 consideration of comments to a public docket, notwith-
3 standing subchapter II of Chapter 5 of Title 5 of the
4 United States Code. An order under this subsection
5 changing the classification of a device from class III to
6 class II may provide that such classification shall not take
7 effect until the effective date of a performance standard
8 established under section 514 for such device.”.

9 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
10 MENTS.—

11 (A) Section 513(e)(2) (21 U.S.C.
12 360c(e)(2)) is amended by striking “regulation
13 promulgated” and inserting “an order issued”.

14 (B) Section 514(a) (21 U.S.C. 360d(a)) is
15 amended by striking “under a regulation under
16 section 513(e) but such regulation” and insert-
17 ing “under an administrative order under sec-
18 tion 513(e) but such order”.

19 (C) Section 517(a)(1) (21 U.S.C. 360g(a))
20 is amended by striking “or changing the classi-
21 fication of a device to class I” and inserting “,
22 an administrative order changing the classifica-
23 tion of a device to class I,”.

24 (b) DEVICES MARKETED BEFORE MAY 28, 1976.—

1 (1) PREMARKET APPROVAL.—Section 515 (21
2 U.S.C. 360e) is amended—

3 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “a regu-
4 lation promulgated” and inserting “an order
5 issued”;

6 (B) in subsection (b)—

7 (i) in paragraph (1), in the matter fol-
8 lowing subparagraph (B), by striking “by
9 regulation, promulgated in accordance with
10 this subsection” and inserting “by admin-
11 istrative order following publication of a
12 proposed order in the Federal Register, a
13 meeting of a device classification panel de-
14 scribed in section 513(b), and consider-
15 ation of comments from all affected stake-
16 holders, including patients, payors, and
17 providers, notwithstanding subchapter II of
18 chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code,”;

19 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

20 (I) by striking subparagraph (B);

21 and

22 (II) in subparagraph (A)—

23 (aa) by striking “(2)(A) A
24 proceeding for the promulgation
25 of a regulation under paragraph

1 (1) respecting a device shall be
2 initiated by the publication in the
3 Federal Register of a notice of
4 proposed rulemaking. Such notice
5 shall contain—” and inserting
6 “(2) A proposed order required
7 under paragraph (1) shall con-
8 tain—”;

9 (bb) by redesignating
10 clauses (i) through (iv) as sub-
11 paragraphs (A) through (D), re-
12 spectively;

13 (cc) in subparagraph (A), as
14 so redesignated, by striking “reg-
15 ulation” and inserting “order”;
16 and

17 (dd) in subparagraph (C), as
18 so redesignated, by striking “reg-
19 ulation” and inserting “order”;
20 and

21 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

22 (I) by striking “proposed regula-
23 tion” each place such term appears
24 and inserting “proposed order”;

1 (II) by striking “(A) promulgate
2 such regulation” and inserting “(A)
3 issue an administrative order under
4 paragraph (1)”;

5 (III) by striking “paragraph
6 (2)(A)(ii)” and inserting “paragraph
7 (2)(B)”;

8 (IV) by striking “promulgation of
9 the regulation” and inserting
10 “issuance of the administrative
11 order”;

12 (iv) by striking paragraph (4); and

13 (C) in subsection (i)—

14 (i) in paragraph (2)—

15 (I) in the matter preceding sub-
16 paragraph (A)—

17 (aa) by striking “December
18 1, 1995” and inserting “the date
19 that is 2 years after the date of
20 enactment of the **【short title】**”;
21 and

22 (bb) by striking “publish a
23 regulation in the Federal Reg-
24 ister” and inserting “issue an ad-
25 ministrative order following pub-

1 lication of a proposed order in
2 the Federal Register, a meeting
3 of a device classification panel
4 described in section 513(b), and
5 consideration of comments from
6 all affected stakeholders, includ-
7 ing patients, payors, and pro-
8 viders, notwithstanding sub-
9 chapter II of chapter 5 of title 5,
10 United States Code,”;

11 (II) in subparagraph (B), by
12 striking “final regulation has been
13 promulgated” and inserting “adminis-
14 trative order has been issued”;

15 (III) in the matter following sub-
16 paragraph (B), by striking “regula-
17 tion requires” and inserting “adminis-
18 trative order issued under this para-
19 graph requires”; and

20 (IV) by striking the third and
21 fourth sentences; and

22 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

23 (I) by striking “regulation requir-
24 ing” each place such term appears
25 and inserting “order requiring”; and

1 (II) by striking “promulgation of
2 a section 515(b) regulation” and in-
3 serting “issuance of an administrative
4 order under subsection (b)”.

5 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
6 MENTS.—Section 501(f) (21 U.S.C. 351) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (A) in subparagraph (1)(A)—

9 (i) in subclause (i), by striking “a reg-
10 ulation promulgated” and inserting “an
11 order issued”; and

12 (ii) in subclause (ii), by striking “pro-
13 mulgation of such regulation” and insert-
14 ing “issuance of such order”; and

15 (B) in subparagraph (2)(B)—

16 (i) by striking “a regulation promul-
17 gated” and inserting “an order issued”;
18 and

19 (ii) by striking “promulgation of such
20 regulation” and inserting “issuance of
21 such order”.

22 **SEC. 4. CONDITION OF APPROVAL STUDIES.**

23 Section 515(d)(1)(B)(ii) (21 U.S.C.
24 360e(d)(1)(B)(ii)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “(ii)” and inserting “(ii)(I)”;

2 and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(II) An order approving an application for a device
5 may require as a condition to such approval that the appli-
6 cant conduct a postmarket study regarding the device.”.

7 **SEC. 5. POSTMARKET SURVEILLANCE.**

8 Section 522 (21 U.S.C. 360l) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), in the matter pre-
10 ceding clause (i), by inserting “, at the time of ap-
11 proval or clearance of a device or at any time there-
12 after,” after “by order”; and

13 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “The
14 manufacturer shall commence surveillance under this
15 section not later than the day that is 1 year after
16 the day of such determination.” after the second
17 sentence.

18 **SEC. 6. SENTINEL.**

19 (a) INCLUSION OF DEVICES IN POSTMARKET RISK
20 IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS SYSTEM.—Section 519
21 (21 U.S.C. 360i) is amended by adding at the end the
22 following:

23 “(h) INCLUSION OF DEVICES IN THE POSTMARKET
24 RISK IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS SYSTEM.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall amend
2 the procedures established and maintained under
3 clauses (i), (ii), (iii), and (v) of section 505(k)(3)(C)
4 in order to expand the postmarket risk identification
5 and analysis system established under such section
6 to include and apply to devices.

7 “(2) DATA.—In expanding the system as de-
8 scribed under subsection (a), the Secretary shall use
9 data with respect to devices cleared under section
10 510(k) or approved under section 515, including
11 claims data, patient survey data, standardized ana-
12 lytic files that allow for the pooling and analysis of
13 data from disparate data environments, and any
14 other data deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

15 “(3) VOLUNTARY SURVEYS.—Chapter 35 of
16 title 44, United States Code, shall not apply to the
17 collection of voluntary information from health care
18 providers, such as voluntary surveys or question-
19 naires, initiated by the Secretary for purposes of
20 postmarket risk identification for devices.”.

21 (b) AMENDMENTS TO POSTMARKET RISK IDENTI-
22 FICATION AND ANALYSIS SYSTEM.—Section
23 505(k)(3)(C)(i) (21 U.S.C. 355(k)(3)(C)(i)) is amended—
24 (1) by striking subclause (II);

1 (2) by redesignating subclauses (III) through
2 (VI) as subclauses (II) through (V), respectively;
3 and

4 (3) in item (bb) of subclause (II), as so redesign-
5 nated, by striking “pharmaceutical purchase data
6 and health insurance claims data” and inserting
7 “medical device purchase data, health insurance
8 claims data, and procedure and device registries”.

9 **SEC. 7. RECALLS.**

10 (a) ASSESSMENT OF DEVICE RECALL INFORMA-
11 TION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—

13 (A) ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.—The Sec-
14 retary of Health and Human Services (referred
15 to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall en-
16 hance the Food and Drug Administration’s re-
17 call program to routinely and systematically as-
18 sess—

19 (i) information submitted to the Sec-
20 retary pursuant to a device recall order
21 under section 518(e) of the Federal Food,
22 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
23 360h(e)); and

24 (ii) information required to be re-
25 ported to the Secretary regarding a correc-

1 tion or removal of a device under section
2 519(g) of such Act (21 U.S.C. 360i(g)).

3 (B) USE.—The Secretary shall use the as-
4 sessment of information described under sub-
5 paragraph (A) to proactively identify strategies
6 for mitigating health risks presented by defec-
7 tive or unsafe devices.

8 (2) DESIGN.—The program under paragraph
9 (1) shall, at a minimum, identify—

10 (A) trends in the numbers and types of de-
11 vice recalls;

12 (B) the types of devices in each device
13 class that are most frequently recalled;

14 (C) the causes of device recalls; and

15 (D) any other information as the Secretary
16 determines appropriate.

17 (b) AUDIT CHECK PROCEDURES.—The Secretary
18 shall clarify procedures for conducting device recall audit
19 checks to improve the ability of investigators to perform
20 these checks in a consistent manner.

21 (c) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall de-
22 velop explicit criteria for assessing whether a person sub-
23 ject to a recall order under section 518(e) of the Federal
24 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360h(e)) or to
25 a requirement under section 519(g) of such Act (21

1 U.S.C. 360i(g)) has performed an effective correction or
2 removal action under such section 519(g).

3 (d) TERMINATION OF RECALLS.—The Secretary shall
4 document the basis for the termination by the Food and
5 Drug Administration of—

6 (1) an individual device recall ordered under
7 section 518(e) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
8 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 360h(e)); and

9 (2) the requirement on a manufacturer or im-
10 porter of a device to report any correction or re-
11 moval action for which a report is required to be
12 submitted to the Secretary under section 519(g) of
13 such Act (21 U.S.C. 360i(g)).

14 **SEC. 8. CLINICAL HOLDS ON INVESTIGATIONAL DEVICE EX-**
15 **EMPTIONS.**

16 Section 520(g) (21 U.S.C. 360j(g)) is amended by
17 adding at the end the following:

18 “(8)(A) At any time, the Secretary may prohibit the
19 sponsor of an investigation from conducting the investiga-
20 tion (referred to in this paragraph as a ‘clinical hold’) if
21 the Secretary makes a determination described in sub-
22 paragraph (B). The Secretary shall specify the basis for
23 the clinical hold, including the specific information avail-
24 able to the Secretary which served as the basis for such
25 clinical hold, and confirm such determination in writing.

1 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), a determina-
2 tion described in this subparagraph with respect to a clin-
3 ical hold is that—

4 “(i) the device involved represents an unreason-
5 able risk to the safety of the persons who are the
6 subjects of the clinical investigation, taking into ac-
7 count the qualifications of the clinical investigators,
8 information about the device, the design of the clin-
9 ical investigation, the condition for which the device
10 is to be investigated, and the health status of the
11 subjects involved; or

12 “(ii) the clinical hold should be issued for such
13 other reasons as the Secretary may by regulation es-
14 tablish.

15 “(C) Any written request to the Secretary from the
16 sponsor of an investigation that a clinical hold be removed
17 shall receive a decision, in writing and specifying the rea-
18 sons therefor, within 30 days after receipt of such request.
19 Any such request shall include sufficient information to
20 support the removal of such clinical hold.”.

21 **SEC. 9. UNIQUE DEVICE IDENTIFIER.**

22 Section 519(f) (21 U.S.C. 360i(f)) is amended by
23 adding at the end the following:

1 “The Secretary shall implement the unique device identi-
2 fication system under this subsection as soon as prac-
3 ticable.”.

4 **SEC. 10. CLARIFICATION OF LEAST BURDENSOME STAND-**
5 **ARD.**

6 (a) **PREMARKET APPROVAL.**—Section 513(a)(3)(D)
7 (21 U.S.C. 360c(a)(3)(D)) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (v);
9 and

10 (2) by inserting after clause (ii) the following:

11 “(iii) For purposes of clause (ii) , the
12 term ‘necessary’ means the minimum re-
13 quired information that would support a
14 determination by the Secretary that an ap-
15 plication provides reasonable assurance of
16 the effectiveness of the device.

17 “(iv) Nothing in this subparagraph
18 shall alter the criteria for evaluating an
19 application for premarket approval of a de-
20 vice.”.

21 (b) **PREMARKET NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION**
22 **510(K).**—Section 513(i)(1)(D) (21 U.S.C. 360c(i)(1)(D))
23 is amended—

24 (1) by striking “(D) Whenever” and inserting
25 “(D)(i) Whenever”; and

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

2 “(ii) For purposes of clause (i), the term ‘necessary’
3 means the minimum required information that would sup-
4 port a determination of substantial equivalence between
5 a new device and a predicate device.

6 “(iii) Nothing in this subparagraph shall alter the
7 standard for determining substantial equivalence between
8 a new device and a predicate device.”.

9 **SEC. 11. AGENCY DOCUMENTATION AND REVIEW OF CER-**
10 **TAIN DECISIONS REGARDING DEVICES.**

11 Chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
12 Act is amended by inserting after section 517 (21 U.S.C.
13 360g) the following:

14 **“SEC. 517A. AGENCY DOCUMENTATION AND REVIEW OF**
15 **CERTAIN DECISIONS REGARDING DEVICES.**

16 “(a) DOCUMENTATION OF RATIONALE FOR DE-
17 NIAL.—If the Secretary renders a final decision to deny
18 clearance of a premarket notification under section 510(k)
19 or approval of a premarket application under section 515,
20 or when the Secretary disapproves an application for an
21 investigational exemption under 520(g), the written cor-
22 respondence to the applicant communicating that decision
23 shall provide a thorough summary of the scientific and
24 regulatory rationale for the decision.

25 “(b) REVIEW OF DENIAL.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person who has sub-
2 mitted a report under section 510(k), an application
3 under section 515, or an application for an exemp-
4 tion under section 520(g) and for whom clearance of
5 the report or approval of the application is denied
6 may request a supervisory review of the decision to
7 deny such clearance or approval. Such review shall
8 be conducted by an individual at the organizational
9 level above the organization level at which the deci-
10 sion to deny the clearance of the report or approval
11 of the application is made.

12 “(2) SUBMISSION OF REQUEST.—A person re-
13 questing a supervisory review under paragraph (1)
14 shall submit such request to the Secretary not later
15 than 30 days after such denial and shall indicate in
16 the request whether such person seeks an in-person
17 meeting or a teleconference review.

18 “(3) TIMEFRAME.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
20 subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall schedule
21 an in-person or teleconference review, if so re-
22 quested, not later than 30 days after such re-
23 quest is made. The Secretary shall issue a deci-
24 sion to the person requesting a review under
25 this subsection not later than 45 days after the

1 request is made under paragraph (1), or, in the
2 case of a person who requests an in-person
3 meeting or teleconference, 30 days after such
4 meeting or teleconference.

5 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A)
6 shall not apply in cases that are referred to ex-
7 perts outside of the Food and Drug Adminis-
8 tration.”.

9 **SEC. 12. GOOD GUIDANCE PRACTICES RELATING TO DE-**
10 **VICES.**

11 Subparagraph (C) of section 701(h)(1) (21 U.S.C.
12 371(h)(1)) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “(C) For guidance documents”
14 and inserting “(C)(i) For guidance documents”; and
15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(ii) Upon issuance of any guidance document de-
17 scribed in clause (i) that relates to devices, the Secretary
18 shall—

19 “(I) designate the draft as proposed or final;
20 and

21 “(II) not later than 18 months after the date
22 of the close of the comment period, issue a final
23 draft.

24 “(iii) Except as provided in clause (iv), if the Sec-
25 retary issues a proposed draft under clause (ii) and fails

1 to finalize the draft by the deadline determined under
2 clause (ii)(II), the Secretary shall, beginning on the date
3 of such deadline, treat the proposed draft as null and void.

4 “(iv) If the Secretary convenes a Food and Drug Ad-
5 ministration advisory committee or conducts a hearing
6 under part 15 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations
7 (or any successor regulations) regarding a proposed draft
8 guidance document described under clause (ii) before the
9 deadline determined under clause (ii)(II) but fails to final-
10 ize the draft by the date that is 24 months after the date
11 of the close of the comment period, the Secretary shall,
12 beginning on such date, treat the proposed draft as null
13 and void.

14 **【“(v) The Secretary shall, as appropriate—】**

15 **【“(I) conduct an analysis of guidance docu-
16 ments issued by the Center for Devices and Radio-
17 logical Health (referred to in this clause as the ‘Cen-
18 ter’) to ensure such documents reflect the current
19 thinking of the Center;】**

20 **【“(II) based on such analysis, update the guid-
21 ance documents to reflect the current thinking of the
22 Center; and】**

23 **【“(III) train reviewers on such updated guid-
24 ance. *【Pending review of MDUFA language.】】***

1 “(vi) With respect to devices, a notice to industry
2 guidance letter, a notice to industry advisory letter, and
3 any similar notice that sets forth initial interpretations of
4 a statute or regulation or sets forth changes in interpreta-
5 tion or policy shall be treated as a guidance document for
6 purposes of this subparagraph. Any document relating to
7 internal procedures of the Food and Drug Administration,
8 agency reports, general information documents provided
9 to consumers or health professionals, speeches, journal ar-
10 ticles and editorials, media interviews, press materials,
11 warning letters, memoranda of understanding, or other
12 communications directed to individual persons or firms
13 shall not be treated as a guidance document for purposes
14 of this subparagraph.”.

15 **SEC. 13. PERFORMANCE STANDARD.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 514(c)(1)(A) (21 U.S.C.
17 360d(c)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “or other” and in-
18 serting “, for purposes of establishing substantial equiva-
19 lence under section 513(f), or to meet another”.

20 (b) Section 513(f)(1)(A)(ii) (21 U.S.C.
21 360e(f)(1)(A)(ii)) is amended by inserting “or to a per-
22 formance standard recognized by the Secretary under sec-
23 tion 514(c)(1)(A)” after “type”.

1 **SEC. 14. MODIFICATION OF DE NOVO APPLICATION PROC-**
2 **ESS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 513(f)(2) (21 U.S.C.
4 360c(f)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) and
6 (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respectively;

7 (2) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as
8 follows:

9 “(A) In the case of a type of device that has not pre-
10 viously been classified under this Act, a person may do
11 one of the following:

12 “(i) Submit a report under section 510(k), and,
13 if the device is classified into class III under para-
14 graph (1), such person may request, not later than
15 30 days after receiving written notice of such a clas-
16 sification, the Secretary to classify the device under
17 the criteria set forth in subparagraphs (A) through
18 (C) of subsection (a)(1). The person may, in the re-
19 quest, recommend to the Secretary a classification
20 for the device. Any such request shall describe the
21 device and provide detailed information and reasons
22 for the recommended classification.

23 “(ii) Submit a request for initial classification
24 of the device under this subparagraph, if the person
25 declares that there is no legally marketed device
26 upon which to base a substantial equivalence deter-

1 mination as that term is defined in subsection (i).
2 Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall
3 classify the device under the criteria set forth in sub-
4 paragraphs (A) through (C) of subsection (a)(1).
5 The person submitting the request for classification
6 under this subparagraph may recommend to the
7 Secretary a classification for the device and shall in-
8 clude in the request an initial draft proposal for ap-
9 plicable special controls, as described in subsection
10 (a)(1)(B), that are necessary, in conjunction with
11 general controls, to provide reasonable assurance of
12 safety and effectiveness and a description of how the
13 special controls provide such assurance.”;

14 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(B) The Secretary may decline to undertake a clas-
17 sification request submitted under clause (2)(A)(ii) if the
18 Secretary identifies a legally marketed device that could
19 provide a reasonable basis for review of substantial equiva-
20 lence under paragraph (1), or when the Secretary deter-
21 mines that the device submitted is not of low-moderate
22 risk.”; and

23 (4) in subparagraph (C), as so redesignated—

24 (A) in clause (i), by striking “Not later
25 than 60 days after the date of the submission

1 of the request under subparagraph (A),” and
2 inserting “Not later than 90 days after the date
3 of the submission of the request under subpara-
4 graph (A)(i) or 120 days after the date of the
5 submission of the request under subparagraph
6 (A)(ii),”; and

7 (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “or is classi-
8 fied in” after “remains in”.

9 (b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
11 of the United States shall complete a study and submit
12 to Congress a report on the effectiveness of the review
13 pathway under section 513(f)(2)(A) of the Federal Food,
14 Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended by this Act.

15 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
16 513(f)(1)(B) (21 U.S.C. 360c(f)(1)(B)) is amended by in-
17 serting “a request under paragraph (2) or” after “re-
18 sponse to”.

19 **SEC. 15. HUMANITARIAN USE DEVICE EXEMPTIONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 520(m) of the Federal
21 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360j(m)) is
22 amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (6)—

24 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
2 by striking “subparagraph (D)” and in-
3 serting “subparagraph (C)”;

4 (ii) by striking clause (i) and inserting
5 the following:

6 “(i) The device with respect to which the ex-
7 emption is granted—

8 “(I) is intended for the treatment or diag-
9 nosis of a disease or condition that occurs in
10 pediatric patients or in a pediatric subpopula-
11 tion, and such device is labeled for use in pedi-
12 atric patients or in a pediatric subpopulation in
13 which the disease or condition occurs; or

14 “(II) is intended for the treatment or diag-
15 nosis of a disease or condition that does not
16 occur in pediatric patients or that occurs in pe-
17 diatric patients in such numbers that the devel-
18 opment of the device for such patients is impos-
19 sible, highly impracticable, or unsafe.”;

20 (iii) by striking clause (ii) and insert-
21 ing the following:

22 “(ii) During any calendar year, the number of
23 such devices distributed during that year under each
24 exemption granted under this subsection does not
25 exceed the number of such devices needed to treat,

1 diagnose, or cure a population of 4,000 individuals
2 in the United States (referred to in this paragraph
3 as the ‘annual distribution number’).”; and

4 (iv) in clause (iv), by striking “2012”
5 and inserting “2017”;

6 (B) by striking subparagraph (C);

7 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (D)
8 and (E) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respec-
9 tively; and

10 (D) in subparagraph (C), as so redesign-
11 nated, by striking “and modified under sub-
12 paragraph (C), if applicable,”;

13 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking “regarding a
14 device” and inserting “regarding a device described
15 in paragraph (6)(A)(i)(I)”;

16 (3) in paragraph (8), by striking “of all devices
17 described in paragraph (6)” and inserting “of all de-
18 vices described in paragraph (6)(A)(i)(I)”.

19 (b) **APPLICABILITY TO EXISTING DEVICES.**—A spon-
20 sor of a device for which an exemption was approved under
21 paragraph (2) of section 520(m) of the Federal Food,
22 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360j(m)) before the
23 date of enactment of this Act may seek a determination
24 under subclause (I) or (II) of section 520(m)(6)(A)(i) (as
25 amended by subsection (a)). If the Secretary determines

1 that such subclause (I) or (II) applies with respect to a
2 device, clauses (ii), (iii), and (iv) of subparagraph (A) and
3 subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) of paragraph (6) of such
4 section 520(m) shall apply to such device.

5 (c) REPORT.—Not later than January 1, 2017, the
6 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to
7 Congress a report that evaluates and describes—

8 (1) the effectiveness of the amendments made
9 by subsection (a) in stimulating innovation with re-
10 spect to medical devices, including any favorable or
11 adverse impact on pediatric device development;

12 (2) the impact of such amendments on pediatric
13 device approvals for devices that received a humani-
14 tarian use designation under section 520(m) of the
15 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
16 360j(m)) prior to the date of enactment of this Act;

17 (3) the status of public and private insurance
18 coverage of devices granted an exemption under
19 paragraph (2) of such section 520(m) (as amended
20 by subsection (a)) and costs to patients of such de-
21 vices;

22 (4) the impact that paragraph (4) of such sec-
23 tion 520(m) has had on access to and insurance cov-
24 erage of devices granted an exemption under para-
25 graph (2) of such section 520(m); and

1 (5) the effect of the amendments made by sub-
2 section (a) on patients described in such section
3 520(m).

4 **SEC. 16. REAUTHORIZATION OF THIRD-PARTY REVIEW.**

5 Section 523(c) (21 U.S.C. 360m(c)) is amended by
6 striking “2012” and inserting “2017”.

7 **SEC. 17. ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.**

8 Section 712 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
9 Act (21 U.S.C. 379d-1) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

12 (B) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) by redesignating subparagraph (B)
14 as paragraph (2);

15 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by redesi-
16 gnating clauses (i) through (iii) as subpara-
17 graphs (A) through (C), respectively;

18 (iii) by striking “(1) RECRUITMENT”
19 and inserting “(1) RECRUITMENT IN GEN-
20 ERAL—The Secretary shall—”;

21 (iv) by striking “(A) IN GENERAL—
22 The Secretary shall—”;

23 (v) by redesignating clauses (i)
24 through (iii) of paragraph (2) (as so redesi-

1 ignated) as subparagraphs (A) through
2 (C), respectively; and

3 (vi) in paragraph (2) (as so redesign-
4 nated), in the matter before subparagraph
5 (A) (as so redesignated), by striking “sub-
6 paragraph (A)” and inserting “paragraph
7 (1)”;

8 (2) by amending subsection (c)(2)(C) to read as
9 follows:

10 “(C) CONSIDERATION BY SECRETARY.—

11 The Secretary shall ensure that each determina-
12 tion made under subparagraph (B) considers
13 the type, nature, and magnitude of the financial
14 interests at issue and the public health interest
15 in having the expertise of the member with re-
16 spect to the particular matter before the advi-
17 sory committee.”;

18 (3) in subsection (e), by inserting “, and shall
19 make publicly available,” after “House of Represent-
20 atives”; and

21 (4) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(g) GUIDANCE ON REPORTED FINANCIAL INTEREST
23 OR INVOLVEMENT.—The Secretary shall issue guidance
24 that describes how the Secretary reviews the financial in-
25 terests and involvement of advisory committee members

1 that are reported under subsection (c)(1) but that the Sec-
2 retary determines not to meet the definition of a disquali-
3 fying interest under section 208 of title 18, United States
4 Code for the purposes of participating in a particular mat-
5 ter.”.