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101. A BILL TO FEDERALLY REGULATE DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER DRUG ADVERTISEMENTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. All Direct-To-Consumer Drug Advertisements are hereby subjected to
2 federal regulatory enforcement prior to their general release.

3 SECTION 2. Regulatory action is defined as the following: Implementation of cost
4 inclusion (i.e. what the drug will cost on market prior to deductibles)
5 Ensuring that all presented ads are evidence-based with peer reviewed
6 data. The absolvment of all concurrent ads to be reinstated following
7 FDA screening, along with any future ads being reviewed and approved
8 on a case-by-case basis by the Food and Drug Administration.

9 SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Food and Drug Administration.
10 The penalties associated with this piece of legislation will be the rejection
11 of any advertisements presented to the FDA governing board.

12 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2024.

13 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Tristen Espaillat, Oasis High School

102. A BILL TO INSTATE A BAN ON THE “INSANITY PLEA”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this act in to establish a federal ban on using the insanity
2 defense or “Insanity Plea” as a legal defense in criminal trials.

3 SECTION 2. Cornell Law School defines the insanity defense as “a defense that a
4 defendant can plead in a criminal trial [where] the defendant admits the
5 action but asserts a lack of culpability based on mental illness.”
6 Culpability is the legal responsibility for a criminal act, or the mental state
7 that must be proven for a defendant to be held criminally liable. Mental
8 state is determined by psychologists who are experts in psychology and
9 psychiatrists, who are medical practitioners specializing in the diagnosis
10 and treatment of mental illnesses.

11 SECTION 3. The United States Marshal Service will oversee enforcement of the bill.
12 A. The enforcement method used will be that the insanity defense will
13 no longer be accepted because the defendant has committed a crime
14 that they are to be held liable for.
15 B. The defendant will be charged with the sentence for their crime
16 without shortening the duration of the sentence.

17 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2024.

18 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Amelia Bonds, Woodland Middle School

103. A BILL TO ADDRESS AMERICA'S VOICE ON WAR

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to set up a process for American citizens to
2 directly vote on whether the United States should become involved in a
3 military conflict with a foreign country if the United States is not directly
4 attacked.

5 SECTION 2. The Constitution grants Congress the power to declare war. To increase
6 the citizen's involvement in government's actions, eligible voters will
7 share their opinion of the military conflict in a national referendum. The
8 Oxford Dictionary defines a referendum as "a general vote by the
9 electorate on a single political question that has been referred to them
10 for direct decision."

11 SECTION 3. In the event the United States may become engaged in a military conflict,
12 a national referendum will be issued to seek the approval of eligible
13 American voters.

- 14 A. The referendum will be held within 60 days of the government's
15 decision to consider military action an option.
- 16 B. The referendum result must be at least a 60% vote of approval for the
17 United States to engage in the military conflict.
- 18 C. Along with the 60% approval vote from the national referendum,
19 Congress must also approve of military intervention with a majority
20 vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

21 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.

22 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Cayson Dees, Woodland Middle School

104. A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT MIRANDA RIGHTS

1 **RESOLVED,** That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
2 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
3 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from
4 the date of its submission by the Congress:

5 **ARTICLE —**

6 **SECTION 1.** Any person being detained by law enforcement as a criminal suspect must be informed of
7 their right to silence and protection from self-incrimination, popularly known as Miranda
8 Rights, per the 1966 Supreme Court case *Miranda v. Arizona* and the 1984 Supreme Court
9 case *Berkemer v. McCarty*.

10 **SECTION 2.** Any detainee or suspect whose rights are deprived of them through a law enforcement
11 officer's failure to inform them explicitly of these rights in a timely manner may pursue
12 legal action against the negligent officer, that officer's employer, or both.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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105. A BILL TO STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-FRAUD MEASURES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Social Security Administration (SSA) is directed to reimagine and redesign their systems
3 for assigning and maintaining identification credentials, as well as the cards they provide as
4 verification of those credentials, with the goal of preventing and addressing fraud.

5 **SECTION 2.** Congress shall apportion an extra \$500 million per year for the next five years to the SSA to
6 support them in achieving this goal, with the expectation that they succeed in doing so no
7 later than five years from the date this legislation takes effect.

8 **SECTION 3.** The SSA shall oversee this legislation, though they are directed to work with the
9 Department of Justice (DOJ) to leverage that agency's expertise in preventing and
10 addressing fraud.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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106. A RESOLUTION TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE IRAQ WAR

1 **WHEREAS** The Downing Street Memo and other sources that have become available in the last two
2 decades have provided a concerning amount of evidence that the United States'
3 motivations in going to war with Iraq were a severe breach of the country's values; and
4 **WHEREAS** The accusations the United States made concerning the Saddam Hussein regime's secret
5 accumulation of weapons of mass destruction and collusion with the perpetrators of the
6 September 11 attacks have proven to be wholly unfounded and arguably even fabricated
7 by design; and
8 **WHEREAS** This war resulted in incalculable damage, trauma, and hardship in the region, including the
9 deaths of thousands of U.S. soldiers and hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, as many of
10 200,000 of whom were civilians; now, therefore be it
11 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that this body sincerely and humbly apologizes to the
12 Republic of Iraq and the Iraqi people for the immense pain and damage the United States
13 has caused them and the fact that no remotely ethical justification can be made for any of
14 it; and be it
15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress further apologizes to the other nations and people of the region for
16 the chaos and violence that has erupted beyond the borders of Iraq owing to this conflict;
17 and be it
18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress further apologizes to the remaining nations and peoples of the
19 world for the dishonesty that our government employed in attempting to establish a
20 coalition to join us in these atrocities, and for the damages and losses those who did join us
21 also incurred; and be it
22 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress apologizes to the people of the United States for the sacrifices they
23 were forced to endure to enable their government to wage this abominable war, and for
24 the doubt and disappointment these decisions sowed in the perspectives of U.S. citizens
25 toward their government; and be it
26 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that from this day forward Congress commits to use its power to prevent actions
27 such as those expressed in the immorality of the Iraq War.

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