

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6517

To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network to establish and implement reforms to the criteria for liver allocation so that such allocation is not based on the donor candidate's place of residence or listing, except to the extent necessary to avoid wasting organs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2018

Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. VALADAO) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fairness in Liver Allo-
5 cation Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRITERIA FOR LIVER ALLOCATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 372 of
3 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) LIVER ALLOCATION.—

6 “(A) REFORM BY NETWORK.—Not later than
7 December 31, 2018, the Organ Procurement and
8 Transplantation Network shall establish and imple-
9 ment reforms to the criteria for liver allocation by
10 the Network so that such allocation is not based on
11 the donor candidate’s place of residence or listing,
12 except to the extent necessary to avoid wasting or-
13 gans.

14 “(B) REFORM BY SECRETARY IN CASE OF FAIL-
15 URE.—If the Organ Procurement and Transplan-
16 tation Network fails to establish and implement re-
17 forms by December 31, 2018, as required by sub-
18 paragraph (A)—

19 “(i) the Secretary, acting through the Ad-
20 ministrator of the Health Resources and Serv-
21 ices Administration, shall establish criteria for
22 liver allocation by the Network consistent with
23 subparagraph (A); and

24 “(ii) not later than June 30, 2019, the
25 Network shall begin implementing such cri-
26 teria.”.

1 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Paragraph (3) of sec-
2 tion 372(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
3 274(b)) is amended by moving the indentation of such
4 paragraph 2 ems to the left.

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