

A Bill to Include Sales Tax on Items to Allow for Better Spending

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. All businesses must include sales tax in the price of merchandise according to the sales tax of the state they are selling in.

Section 2. Merchandise is defined as goods or services bought and sold by a business.

Business will be defined as a person, group, or company which sell goods or services

Section 3. The IRS will oversee the enforcement of this bill. Violation of Section 1 of this bill will result in a \$250 fine per day, until a business is in compliance.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January first, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Molly Kate Decker.

A Bill to Legalize Medically Assisted Death for Terminally Ill Individuals

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Medically assisted death shall be legalized nationwide for patients who are
2 deemed mentally competent and provide informed consent. Requests for
3 assisted death must be made voluntarily, without coercion, and based on
4 either a terminal illness or intolerable suffering.

5 **SECTION 2.** Medically assisted death can take the form of euthanasia, such as lethal
6 injections, or assisted suicide, which requires the individual to take
7 prescribed drugs themselves.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for
9 implementing this legislation. They will oversee the appointment of a
10 council to approve patients' requests on a case-by-case basis.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this
12 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

A Bill to Subsidize Water Filters in Areas with High Lead Concentrations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Water filters will be subsidized in areas with high lead concentrations in drinking water. For every household affected by a region with high lead concentration in drinking water, a \$20 stipend will be allocated towards purchasing an at-home water filter. Additionally, new filters and devices for households can be subsidized through requests for additional subsidy funds sent to the government.

SECTION 2. A water filter is a device that removes specific toxins, such as lead, from a water source to make the liquid more drinkable. As defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a “high lead concentration” is one that violates the current lead action level of 15 parts per billion. The stipend will be a one-time payment that is distributed to the household.

SECTION 3. The EPA will be tasked with the execution of this legislation. They will be responsible for the allocation and distribution of all stipend funds to the respective households. In the event of filter replacement or device replacement, the household can make a request to the EPA for additional funds for the procurement of new supplies, which will be processed and responded to by the EPA.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.



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:

6 **SECTION 1.** The power of the President to “grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the
7 United States” (as described in Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution) shall be
8 unconditionally revoked.

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A Bill to Repeal PAFACA and Save TikTok

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress hereby repeals the 2024 Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled
3 Applications Act (PAFACA).

4 **SECTION 2.** Consequently, ByteDance Ltd. and its subsidiaries, including TikTok, shall no longer be
5 banned within the United States and its territories, regardless of whether or not those
6 entities are divested as previously stipulated by PAFACA.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

8 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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4 the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State and
7 one Senator from each inhabited Territory, to be elected in accordance with the 17th
8 Amendment of the Constitution.

first Senators two years later, and Northern Mariana Islands shall elect its first Senator two years following that.

15 **SECTION 3.** Should the United States acquire additional inhabited Territories following ratification,
16 Senatorial representation shall be bestowed accordingly.

17 **SECTION 4.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Bill to Fund Initiatives to Recycle Pickle Brine for Use as a De-icer

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall apportion \$500 million a year for each of the next five years to the
3 Department of Transportation for the express purpose of funding initiatives in jurisdictions
4 throughout the United States and its territories that will recycle pickle brine for reuse as a
5 de-icer of roadways and/or sidewalks. Jurisdictions are encouraged to make use of and
6 expand upon existing recycling infrastructure for these purposes.

7 **SECTION 2.** Pickle brine is defined as liquid with a salinity of at least 3.5% that is used to pickle and
8 preserve cucumbers and other vegetables. Jurisdictions applying for this funding from the
9 Department of Transportation may determine, as individual jurisdictions, whether to
10 accept only commercially produced pickle brine or homemade brine as well. In either case,
11 jurisdictions may take steps to increase the salinity of brine if necessary before applying it
12 to roadways and/or sidewalks.

13 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Transportation, which shall
14 additionally be tasked with establishing a fair and speedy process by which jurisdictions
15 may apply for and receive these funds. The Department of Transportation is further
16 encouraged to work to establish programs that collect used pickle brine from areas that do
17 not experience icy roadways and sidewalks so that this brine may be transported to areas
18 that are in need.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

A Bill to Instill a Maximum Cost of College Attendance

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All public colleges will institute a ceiling on the cost of attendance of \$30,000
3 per year.

4 **SECTION 2.** Cost of attendance includes, tuition, fees, room and board.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.

6 A. Schools which fail to adhere to this ceiling shall not receive Federal loans
7 or grants.

8 **SECTION 4.** Implementation of the bill will begin at the commencement of the 2018-19
9 academic year.

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

A Bill to Pay Reparations to African-Americans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States government will pay financial reparations of \$100 billion to African-Americans for the historical injustices that have occurred in our society.

SECTION 2. African-Americans eligible for these reparations shall be those who can trace their genealogy to the continent of Africa, or who can demonstrate that their ancestors were slaves, or would have been endangered by the Fugitive Slave Act.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will oversee the process for determining the individuals eligible for financial reparations.

A. The \$100 billion will be distributed evenly to all eligible members.

B. The \$100 billion will be issued as tax credits, and shall be administered by the Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 4. The Department of Justice will open the process for determining eligibility one year after passage of this legislation. Distribution of tax credits should be processed for the tax year following the identification of eligible individuals.

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

A Bill to Require Cultural Competence Training for Medical Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All medical schools receiving federal funding will be required to provide
3 cultural competence training to all students. This training must occur at
4 least once during a medical program. All training must be reviewed by
5 the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure compliance.

6 **SECTION 2.** Cultural competence training will cover implicit bias and communication
7 strategies designed to provide all medical students with an understanding
8 of how to better serve those from all ethnic and racial backgrounds.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will work with the
10 Department of Education to implement this legislation.

11 A. The Department of Health and Human Services will ensure the
12 content of the training is effective.

13 B. The Department of Education will oversee the implementation and
14 evaluation of the program. Any school found not in compliance may
15 lose access to federal funding until such time as they become
16 compliant with Section 1.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect two years after passage.

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

A Bill to Improve Asian-American and Pacific Islander American Health

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Partnerships to Improve Lifestyle Interventions (PILI) Project will
3 provide six \$500,000 grants to colleges and universities in cities with a
4 dense Asian-American and Pacific Islander American population to study
5 and reduce instances of obesity and Type-2 diabetes amongst the Asian-
6 American and Pacific Islander population.

7 **A.** The project will have a life cycle of five years for design and
8 execution.

9 **B.** Funding will become available when the institution has been awarded
10 the grant.

11 **SECTION 2.** Asian-Americans are defined as persons identifying their origins from
12 East, South, or Southeast Asia. Pacific Islander Americans are defined as
13 persons identifying their origins from Hawaii or the U.S. Territories of
14 American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands.

15 **SECTION 3.** The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities will
16 oversee the development and funding of this bill.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 18, 2022

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

A Bill to Eliminate the Pink Tax to Establish Economic Gender Equality

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful to sell any two consumer products from the same manufacturer
3 or service-provider that are substantially similar if such products are priced
4 differently based only on the gender of the individuals for whose use the products
5 are intended or marketed.

6 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions shall apply:

7 A. Consumer products shall include any product or service for sale.

8 B. Intended gender for consumers of products can be determined through use of
9 “for her, for women, for girls” or similar phrases in marketing and/or by the
10 pink color of a product.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall ensure compliance with this bill.

12 A. Any manufacturer or service provider that fails to comply with this bill will be
13 fined 1 million dollars for each product in non-compliance.

14 B. 50% of all monies collected through fines will be donated to charities for
15 women and girls; the FTC will determine the specific charities on a yearly basis.

16 C. Any fined manufacturer or service provider will be required to undergo specific
17 training programs at their own expense; the FTC will determine the appropriate
18 programs.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented upon passage.

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

A Bill to Close the Gender Wage Gap

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Government shall hereby work to close the gender wage gap through making equal pay mandatory and providing pension credits for individuals who have left the workforce to provide childcare.

SECTION 2. A. Equal pay shall be defined as the concept that individuals in the same workplace be given equal pay, dependent on the profession and job position.

B. Pension credit shall be defined as an income-related employment benefit that women who served in the capacity of a primary child care provider can claim once they reach the age of 66.

1. For single pensioners with a weekly income (including pension) below \$250.00, a pension credit will be awarded up to the amount needed to close the gap between weekly income and the \$250.00 ceiling.

2. For heterosexual couples, if the pensioner and their legal partner have a joint weekly income (including pension) that is below \$350.00, a pension credit will be awarded up to the amount needed to close the gap between weekly income and the \$350.00 ceiling.

3. For female-gendered same-sex couples, if the pensioner and their legal partner have a joint weekly income (including pension) that is below \$450.00, a pension credit will be awarded up to the amount needed to close the gap between weekly income and the \$450.00 ceiling.

C. Childcare shall be defined as the daily care of a minor for a year or more.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this bill to ensure equal pay is carried out in the workplace and pensions are carried out.

A. All businesses that fail to comply shall be fined 4% of their annual profits and shall increase by 3% for every consecutive infraction.

B. Inspections of all business shall occur annually to ensure the proper implementation of this bill.

C. All employed childcare providers shall receive $\frac{3}{4}$ of their monthly wage, while taking parental leave.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect fiscal year 2022.

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