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Congressional Legislation
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A Bill to Regulate the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Healthcare institutions shall be prohibited from deploying Artificial
2 Intelligence systems or Large Language Models unless a licensed medical
3 professional maintains full decision-making authority over all outputs and
4 actions.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** A. Artificial Intelligence (AI) shall refer to software systems that
6 autonomously analyze data, generate recommendations, or make decisions
7 without direct human command.
8 B. Large Language Models (LLMs) shall refer to automated conversational
9 systems that analyze natural language and generate autonomous
10 responses.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will oversee
12 compliance with this legislation.
13 B. Violations shall result in penalties of \$50,000 per unauthorized use.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

A Bill to Ban Zoological Facilities in the United States of America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All zoological facilities (zoos) that exhibit live wild animals for public display
2 shall be prohibited under federal law.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A zoological facility is defined as any entity, public or private, that keeps
4 non-domesticated animals in captivity for public exhibition, education, or
5 entertainment. This definition excludes accredited wildlife sanctuaries
6 whose primary mission is the non-exhibition care, rehabilitation, and
7 welfare of animals.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior (DOI) will oversee the enforcement of this
9 legislation. All existing zoological facilities must permanently cease public
10 exhibition of wild animals not later than January 1, 2030. Any zoological
11 facility found attempting to circumvent this legislation, or failing to comply
12 with the mandated closure date, shall be subject to:
- 13 A. A \$500,000 fine per violation.
- 14 B. Immediate confiscation and humane relocation of all animals to
15 accredited wildlife sanctuaries.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Abolish Non-Essential Non-Disclosure Agreements

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All private non-disclosure agreements (NDA) between employers and
2 employees, or between private entities and individuals, shall be prohibited
3 under federal law.

4 **SECTION 2.** A Private Non-Disclosure Agreement is a confidential legal contract
5 between two or more parties to restrict the sharing of specific, non-public
6 information.

7 NDA's used to protect national security information, personal privacy data,
8 or legitimate trade secrets shall be exempt.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor (DOL) will oversee the enforcement of this
10 legislation.

11 Any company or individual found attempting to enforce or coerce an
12 individual into signing an unlawful NDA shall be subject to:

13 A. \$250,000 fine per violation.

14 B. Disqualification from federal contracts for repetitive offenders.

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

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A Bill to Eliminate the Filibuster

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The filibuster shall no longer be permissible in the Senate. It is henceforth banned from
3 incorporation into the rules in either chamber of Congress. Additionally, a supermajority
4 shall not be required for cloture. Instead, a simple majority will suffice to end debate and
5 move to a vote.

6 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

7 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Halt Construction of the White House Ballroom

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress hereby orders all construction on the White House Ballroom to be immediately
3 halted.

4 **SECTION 2.** Construction may only recommence if the Executive submits full and detailed plans to the
5 National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and only then once the NCPC has approved
6 those plans.

7 **SECTION 3.** Prior to any continuation of construction, the NCPC is instructed to work in conjunction
8 with the Smithsonian Institution to assess the destruction wrought upon the historic East
9 Wing, to do whatever possible to preserve the priceless elements and artifacts that remain
10 that may be salvaged from that wing, and to see how the planned Ballroom might
11 incorporate those elements and artifacts in a tasteful and meaningful manner. Those
12 elements and artifacts that cannot be incorporated into the Ballroom shall be turned over
13 to the Smithsonian Institution to be preserved for posterity.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the NCPC.

15 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

16 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban Pharmaceutical Ads from Television and Streaming Services

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Television stations and streaming services are henceforth prohibited from running
3 advertisements for medications where they may be viewed by consumers in the United
4 States and its territories.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any television station or streaming service found to be in violation of this legislation shall
6 be fined \$10,000 for each second of runtime during which pharmaceuticals were
7 advertised on their station or service. Should any station or service accrue more than \$10
8 million in fines within the space of one year, their license to broadcast shall be suspended
9 for a period of one (1) year.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen and enforced by the Federal Communications Commission
11 (FCC).

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

A Bill to Repeal Obamacare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Affordable Care Act (ACA, popularly known as Obamacare) is hereby repealed. Any
3 legislation built off the ACA is hereby repealed as well. Effectively, federal healthcare policy
4 shall revert to its status prior to March 2010.

5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

A Bill to Abolish Capital Punishment at the Federal Level

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Capital punishment, also known as the death penalty, is hereby abolished as punishment
3 for any crime at the federal level.

4 **SECTION 2.** Any individuals currently awaiting execution for federal crimes shall have their sentences
5 immediately commuted to life in prison without possibility of parole.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Strengthen Executive Power via the IEEPA

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The definition of transactions under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act
- 3 (IEEPA) shall be broadened to include tariffs, thereby granting the President full power to
- 4 adjust and levy tariffs under the terms of that legislation.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** This adjustment shall apply retroactively to any tariffs the President is working to enact
- 6 under the terms of the IEEPA but which courts have halted.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Commerce.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

The Federal Red Flag Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** If a person's family member or a police officer believes that person may be a danger to
3 themselves or others, their local or territorial court must provide that family member or
4 police officer an opportunity to file a petition to have the dangerous person's firearms and
5 any other deadly weapons temporarily seized until such time as the court deems there is
6 no longer any danger.

7 **SECTION 2.** Details concerning how petitions are to be filed, how weapons are to be seized, and under
8 what circumstances they are to be restored shall be determined at the unique discretion of
9 each state or territorial court with the oversight of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
10 Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the federal Department of Justice (DOJ).

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the ATF and the DOJ.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to Restrict External Employment for the Incarcerated

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any person incarcerated in a state or federal prison is hereby prohibited from
3 independently procuring or carrying out any employment with an external company or
4 organization. Such work shall only be permissible if it is initiated via a contract between the
5 prison and the external employer.

6 **SECTION 2.** Any prisoner currently employed in a manner that violates the terms of this legislation shall
7 receive thirty (30) days from the date of enactment to terminate that employment. It shall
8 be the responsibility of prisons, not prisoners, to ensure compliance.

9 **SECTION 3.** Should a prison permit violation of this legislation, they shall be fined an amount equal to
10 50% of any gross wages illegally earned by prisoners due to their negligence. The prisoners
11 themselves shall not be penalized.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Justice and the Department
13 of Labor.

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

15 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Promote Montessori Education Models

- 1 **WHEREAS** Maria Montessori’s pioneering educational insights and innovations are still benefiting
2 educators over seven decades after her death; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** Many studies have revealed the enormous advantages of the Montessori method for
4 students of all ages and grade levels; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** These unique benefits are especially valuable given the current discord and animosity that
6 too often characterize our nation’s discourse; now, therefore be it
- 7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that schools of all types throughout the country are
8 strongly encouraged to adopt the Montessori Method, in whole or in part; and be it
- 9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages local Departments of Education to fund programs at
10 schools both public and private that support this transition, in particular for older grade
11 levels that have been less likely to utilize this method previously.



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 second article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby
7 repealed.

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