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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. PETTERSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Public Transit Mental Health Awareness Act''.

SEC. 2. PUBLIC DISPLAY OF SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE.

Section 5323 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(w) PUBLIC DISPLAY OF SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A recipient (including a subrecipient) of assistance under this chapter shall display on public transportation owned or operated by the recipient, in a location visible to public transportation passengers, information regarding the suicide prevention hotline maintained pursuant to section 520E–3 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36c), including that such hotline is free, confidential, and available 24 hours a day.

''(2) SATISFACTION OF REQUIREMENT.—A recipient (or subrecipient) may satisfy the requirement under paragraph (1) by displaying the information referred to in such paragraph—

''(A) on all rolling stock vehicles of such recipient; or

''(B) in all transit facilities of such recipient.

''(3) REASONABLE COMPLIANCE.—If any public display of information required under paragraph (1)

is temporarily damaged, removed, vandalized, or otherwise unavailable, the recipient (or subrecipient) responsible shall not be considered to be out of compliance with this subsection provided that the recipient makes a reasonable effort to replace or restore such display.

''(4) REVENUE-GENERATING ADVERTISING SPACE.—The display of information required under this subsection shall not interfere with revenue-generating advertising space.

''(5) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirement under paragraph (1) shall take effect 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection.''.