



## **The Puerto Rican Protection and Self-Determination Act**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** A. A binding referendum shall be held in Puerto Rico to give voters the opportunity to vote for ascension to statehood in the United States.

B. \$7 billion dollars in infrastructure aid shall be provided to Puerto Rico

**SECTION 2.** A. Infrastructure aid shall be defined as aid to be used to provide financial assistance for the building, renovation, and maintenance of a building; structure; or networks of buildings, structures, pipes, controls, and equipment, or portion thereof, that provide transportation, utilities, public education, or public safety services.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy, Federal Election Commission, and government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall work together to execute the contents of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** A. Both the aid plan and the process for planning a referendum will be enacted immediately upon passage.

B. If a majority of Puerto Rican voters affirm support for statehood, Puerto Rico shall be admitted as a state 30 days after the date of the referendum.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carlos Perez of Belen Jesuit Preparatory School*

# A Bill to Alleviate the Rape Kit Backlog

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   A. \$350 million shall be directed from the DOJ's budget and divided evenly  
2                   amongst the 50 criminal justice divisions of state budgets to accelerate the  
3                   processing of rape kits.  
4                   B. An additional 0.4% of each state's budget shall be collected for a fund  
5                   that will go to the FLETC to create a rape-response training program.
- 6   **SECTION 2.**   The rape-response training program will be a series of FLETC-produced  
7                   videos. The series will address subjects including but not limited to how  
8                   police officers should work with traumatized rape victims, analyze DNA  
9                   evidence, and assess the patterns of criminals and sex offenders to best  
10                  deliver justice.
- 11 **SECTION 3.**   A. The Department of Justice will oversee the transfer of funds to state  
12                   governments.  
13                  B. The FLETC and the DOJ will oversee the production of training videos.  
14                      a. The Department of Homeland Security will collect the  
15                      video-creation funds and direct them to the FLETC.  
16                      b. The FLETC will work in tandem with the DOJ and NGOs  
17                      approved by the DOJ to acquire curriculum content.  
18                      c. The DOJ will distribute the videos to regional law enforcement  
19                      departments.
- 20 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect starting in FY 2023.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Liv Steinhardt of Ransom Everglades School.*

# A Bill to End Prescription Drugs Price Gouging

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   There shall be a maximum value at which prescription drugs can be priced  
2                   by Federal health programs, private companies, or any other type of drug  
3                   distributor.
- 4   **SECTION 2.**   Each drug will be designated its own maximum value based on its median  
5                   price across the countries of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy,  
6                   Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United  
7                   Kingdom. Prescription drugs shall be defined as any form of medicine that  
8                   can only be attained through a licensed physician.
- 9   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall recalculate the  
10                  maximum value based on the bylaws of section 2 annually and be  
11                  responsible for the enforcement of this bill.
- 12                  A. If the median retail list of a drug is not available in at least 3 of the  
13                  referenced countries, the HHS must formulate a price based on the  
14                  added therapeutic effect of the drug, the value of the drug (the price of  
15                  manufacture), accessibility/ public necessity, costs associated with  
16                  research and development, and other factors that the Secretary deems  
17                  appropriate.
- 18                  B. Federal Health Programs- These reference prices will apply to covered  
19                  inpatient and outpatient drugs under: the Medicare program, a State  
20                  Medicaid plan, the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, the  
21                  TRICARE program, hospital care and medical services supplied by the  
22                  Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Federal Employees Health  
23                  Benefits Programs.
- 24                  C. If a drug manufacturer chooses not to comply, they shall be charged  
25                  five times the difference of their profits and the profits they would have  
26                  made had they complied. The Secretary of the Treasury will transfer  
27                  these finances to the Director of the National Institutes of Health to be  
28                  used for research and development
- SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect 3 months after passage. All laws in conflict  
                        with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.