

# H.R. 9

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## IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. Kelly (for herself, Mr. Butterson, Mr. Issacman, Mr. Whitehouse,  
Mr. Toby) introduced the following bill;

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### A BILL

To bring awareness to and address the lack of comfortable, satisfactory sleeping spaces in federal hospitals..

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States of  
America in Congress Assembled,*

#### **Sec. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “**Sleeping Doctors Act**” or the “**SDA**”.

#### **Sec. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

- A) Department- Is referring to the United States Department Of Health And Human Services
- B) Department Secretary- Refers to the appointed secretary that oversees the Department Of Health And Human Services

#### **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds that—

- A) The American healthcare sector is vitally important for the wellbeing of Americans, and doctors and hospital staff help enable the delivery of high-quality services to patients.
- B) Many doctors and hospital staff working excessively long hours, including some medical students’ residency shifts reaching up to twenty-eight hours in length, providing doctors, nurses, medical students, and hospital staff with comfortable sleeping quarters will help ensure that those working long shifts are better-rested and less fatigued;
- C) If more advanced and efficient sleeping quarters were available to medical professionals on-call or present throughout the night, a better rest would be provided. This would cause improved self-awareness, alertness, and mental capability in general.

- D) The average age of United States medical professionals averages (as of 2017), 51 years of age.
- E) Giving each of the 208 US Federal hospitals \$50,000.00 annually for five years would cost the Department a total of \$52,000,000.00

### **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT**

1. This bill will give \$50,000 yearly to any and all federal hospitals for a total of 5 years. This money will only be allowed for the use of improving the living quarters, and break rooms in hospitals to provide a safer, more comfortable space for all medical personnel.
  - A) All Fundings needed for this will come out of the Department's discretionary funding.
  - B) If deemed necessary The Department's Secretary may renew this funding cycle for a max of five more years.

### **SEC. 4. ENACTMENT.**

This shall go into effect directly after the President Of The United States Signs and the Department arranges the funds.