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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. Maloney introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Best Help for Rape

5 Victims Act”.
SEC. 2. REQUIRED ELEMENT OF NATIONAL PROTOCOL FOR
SEXUAL ASSAULT MEDICAL FORENSIC EX-
AMINATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1405 of the Violence
Against Women Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg note) is
amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
section (e); and
(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
lowing new subsection:

“(d) REQUIRED ELEMENT OF PROTOCOL.—The na-
tional protocol required by subsection (a)(3) shall include
a recommendation to the effect that a victim of sexual as-
sault who is at risk of pregnancy from rape—

“(1) should be offered information about emer-
gency contraception; and
“(2) should, if the victim so requests, be pro-
vided with emergency contraception on site.”.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION TO PROTOCOL ALREADY
ISSUED.—The Attorney General shall ensure that any
protocol already issued under section 1405(a)(3) of the Vi-
olence Against Women Act of 2000 is, not later than 30
days after the date of the enactment of this Act, revised
and reissued in a form that complies with section 1405(d)
of that Act (as added by subsection (a)(2) of this section).