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40311 .....	42 U.S.C. 17781(c).	Pub. L. 110-422, title VII, § 704(c), Oct. 15, 2008, 122 Stat. 4803.

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**§ 40501. Biomedical research joint working group**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator and the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall jointly establish a working group to coordinate biomedical research activities in areas where a microgravity environment may contribute to significant progress in the understanding and treatment of diseases and other medical conditions. The joint working group shall formulate joint and complementary programs in such areas of research.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The joint working group shall include equal representation from the Administration and the National Institutes of Health, and shall include representation from National Institutes of Health councils, as selected by the Director of the National Institutes of Health, and from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Advisory Council.

(c) ANNUAL BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIA.—The joint working group shall organize annual symposia on biomedical research described in subsection (a) under the joint sponsorship of the Administration and the National Institutes of Health.

(d) ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The joint working group shall report annually to Congress on its progress in carrying out this section.

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40501 .....	42 U.S.C. 2487a.	Pub. L. 102-588, title VI, § 602, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5130.

FINDINGS

Pub. L. 102-588, title VI, § 601, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5130, provided that: “The Congress finds that—

“(1) the space program can make significant contributions to selected areas of health-related research and should be an integral part of the Nation’s health research and development program;

“(2) the continuing development of trained scientists and engineers is essential to carrying out an effective and sustained program of biomedical research in space and on the ground;

“(3) the establishment and maintenance of an electronically accessible archive of data on space-related biomedical research is essential to advancement of the field;

“(4) cooperation with the republics of the former Soviet Union, including use of former Soviet orbital

facilities, offers the potential for greatly enhanced biomedical research activities and progress; and

“(5) the establishment and maintenance of an international telemedicine consultation satellite capability to support emergency medical service provision can provide an important aid to disaster relief efforts.”

**§ 40502. Biomedical research grants**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Administrator and the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall establish a joint program of biomedical research grants in areas described in section 40501(a) of this title, where such research requires access to a microgravity environment. Such program shall be consistent with actions taken by the joint working group under section 40501 of this title.

(b) RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.—The grants program established under subsection (a) shall annually issue joint research opportunity announcements under the sponsorship of the National Institutes of Health and the Administration. Responses to the announcements shall be evaluated by a peer review committee whose members shall be selected by the Director of the National Institutes of Health and the Administrator, and shall include individuals not employed by the Administration or the National Institutes of Health.

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40502 .....	42 U.S.C. 2487b.	Pub. L. 102-588, title VI, § 603, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5130.

**§ 40503. Biomedical research fellowships**

The Administrator and the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall create a joint program of graduate research fellowships in biomedical research described in section 40501(a) of this title. Fellowships under such program may provide for participation in approved research conferences and symposia.

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40503 .....	42 U.S.C. 2487c.	Pub. L. 102-588, title VI, § 604, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5131.

**§ 40504. Establishment of electronic data archive**

The Administrator shall create and maintain a national electronic data archive for biomedical research data obtained from space-based experiments.

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