

## HR 1254

### Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Mar 30, 2011

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Dec 8, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/1254>

## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-20]	R · NY		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Mar 30, 2011
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Apr 4, 2011
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Apr 8, 2011
Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Apr 8, 2011
Rep. Loebssack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Apr 8, 2011
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Apr 14, 2011
Rep. Dold, Robert J. [R-IL-10]	R · IL		May 3, 2011
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		May 5, 2011
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		May 11, 2011
Rep. Bono Mack, Mary [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Jul 22, 2011
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Gowdy, Trey [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Nov 1, 2011

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 26, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Oct 6, 2011
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 8, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6312	Related bill	Sep 7, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
112 S 3189	Related bill	May 16, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
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112 S 605	Related bill	Jul 29, 2011: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 122.

## Summary (as of Dec 8, 2011)

Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011 - Amends the Controlled Substances Act to add as schedule I controlled substances: (1) any material, compound, mixture, or preparation which contains specified cannabimimetic agents (or the salts, isomers, or salts of isomers thereof); and (2) specified additional hallucinogenic substances (or the salts, isomers, or salts of isomers thereof).

Extends the period for which the Attorney General may temporarily schedule a substance in schedule I to avoid an imminent hazard to public safety to two years with a one-year extension (currently, one year with a six-month extension).

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 8, 2011:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8272-8273)
- **Dec 8, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 317 - 98 (Roll no. 904). (text: CR 12/07/2011 H8238)
- **Dec 8, 2011:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 317 - 98 (Roll no. 904). (text: CR 12/07/2011 H8238)
- **Dec 8, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 8, 2011:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Dec 7, 2011:** Mr. Pitts moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 7, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8238-8244)
- **Dec 7, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1254.
- **Dec 7, 2011:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Pitts objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Nov 22, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 112-295, Part I.
- **Nov 22, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 112-295, Part II.
- **Nov 22, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 196.
- **Nov 3, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 3, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 27, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 6, 2011:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Discharged.
- **Jul 28, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 28, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 26, 2011:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 26, 2011:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee .
- **Jul 21, 2011:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 1, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 7, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 30, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 30, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.