

HR 2536

TREAT Act

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Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jan 5, 2016
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Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2016
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Apr 11, 2016
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Apr 26, 2016
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 6, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 16, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1455	Identical bill	Apr 27, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 441.
114 HR 4396	Related bill	Mar 23, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
114 S 2562	Related bill	Feb 22, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
114 HR 4435	Related bill	Feb 10, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.

Summary (as of May 21, 2015)

Recovery Enhancement for Addiction Treatment Act or the TREAT Act

Amends the Controlled Substances Act to increase the number of patients that a qualifying practitioner dispensing narcotic drugs for maintenance or detoxification treatment is initially allowed to treat from 30 to 100 patients per year.

Allows a qualifying physician, after one year, to request approval to treat an unlimited number of patients under specified conditions, including that he or she: (1) agrees to fully participate in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program of the state in which the practitioner is licensed, (2) practices in a qualified practice setting, and (3) has completed at least 24 hours of training regarding treatment and management of opiate-dependent patients for substance use disorders provided by specified organizations.

Revises the definition of a "qualifying practitioner" to include: (1) a physician who holds a board certification from the American Board of Addiction Medicine; and (2) a nurse practitioner or physicians assistant who is licensed under state law to prescribe schedule III, IV, or V medications for pain, who has specified training or experience that demonstrates specialization in the ability to treat opiate-dependent patients, who practices under the supervision of, or prescribes opioid addiction therapy in collaboration with, a licensed physician who holds an active waiver to prescribe schedule III, IV, or V narcotic medications for opioid addiction therapy, and who practices in a qualified practice setting.

Directs the Comptroller General to initiate an evaluation of the effectiveness of this Act, including an evaluation of: (1) changes in the availability and use of medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction, (2) the quality of medication-assisted treatment programs, (3) diversion of opioid addiction treatment medication, and (4) changes in state or local policies and legislation relating to opioid addiction treatment.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- May 22, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- May 21, 2015: Introduced in House
- May 21, 2015: 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.