

## HR 2536

TREAT Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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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	<b>Apr 27, 2016:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 441.
114 HR 4396	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
114 S 2562	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
114 HR 4435	Related bill	<b>Feb 10, 2016:</b> 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.