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Transnational Drug Trafficking Act of 2015

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Law: 114-154 (Enacted May 16, 2016)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/32>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 6, 2015
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 6, 2015
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Jan 6, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 6, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 6, 2015
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Jul 27, 2015
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 27, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 27, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 17, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 9, 2015
Finance Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jan 13, 2015
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 17, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 3, 2015
United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Nov 17, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 524	Related bill	Jul 22, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-198.
114 HR 3380	Identical bill	Jun 3, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 469.

Summary (as of May 16, 2016)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to broaden the scope of persons subject to criminal prosecution for manufacturing or distributing a controlled substance in schedule I or II, a precursor chemical, or flunitrazepam for unlawful import into the United States. The Controlled Substances Act classifies drugs, substances, and chemicals used to make drugs into one of five schedules based on the drug's medical use, potential for abuse, and risk of dependence.

Current law prohibits such manufacture or distribution by a person who knows or intends that the substance or chemical will be unlawfully imported. This bill broadens the scope to also prohibit such manufacture or distribution by a person who reasonably believes that the substance or chemical will be unlawfully imported.

In addition, this bill prohibits the manufacture or distribution of a precursor chemical by a person who: (1) knows or intends that the chemical will be used to manufacture a controlled substance; and (2) knows, intends, or reasonably believes that the controlled substance will be unlawfully imported into the United States.

(Sec. 3) The legislation amends the federal criminal code to replace statutory references to prohibited trafficking in a "counterfeit drug" with references to prohibited trafficking in a "drug that uses a counterfeit mark on or in connection with the drug."

Actions Timeline

- **May 16, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **May 16, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-154.
- **May 13, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **May 10, 2016:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 10, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2175-2179)
- **May 10, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 32.
- **May 10, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2175)
- **May 10, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2175)
- **May 10, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 17, 2015:** Committee on United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. Hearings held.
- **Nov 3, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Oct 9, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 8, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 8, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 8, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.
- **Oct 7, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7223; text as passed Senate: CR S7223)
- **Oct 7, 2015:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7223; text as passed Senate: CR S7223)
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley without amendment. Without written report.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 232.
- **Jan 13, 2015:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jan 13, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary by unanimous consent.
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S18-19)