

## HR 3719

### STOP ABUSE Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Oct 8, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Nov 3, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Guinta, Frank C. [R-NH-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NH • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Dec 2, 2015
Rep. Poliquin, Bruce [R-ME-2]	R · ME		Dec 10, 2015
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Dec 15, 2015
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jan 6, 2016
Rep. Carney, John C., Jr. [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Jan 13, 2016
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jan 13, 2016
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Feb 25, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 9, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 3, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1725	Related bill	Sep 9, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Stop the Overdose Problem Already Becoming a Universal Substance Epidemic Act of 2015 or the STOP ABUSE Act of 2015**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene an interagency task force to develop, solicit input on, disseminate information about, and study implementation of best practices for pain management and prescription of pain medication.

It amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Department of Justice to award grants:

- to implement comprehensive community-wide prevention strategies to address a rapid increase or high rate of opioid or prescription drug abuse; and
- to develop, implement, or expand treatment alternative to incarceration programs.

This bill limits an individual's civil liability for harm caused by the emergency administration of an opioid overdose reversal drug (e.g., naloxone) if the individual:

- works or volunteers at an opioid overdose program and provides the drug, as a part the program, to an authorized individual who administers it; or
- administers the drug after obtaining it from a health care professional or as part of an opioid overdose program, or administers it pursuant to a prescription, and was educated on its administration.

It amends the Controlled Substances Act to require an opioid treatment program that closes on any day to make arrangements for each patient to receive treatment during the closure, as necessary.

The bill reauthorizes the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program through FY2020.

It amends the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005 to include as a specified purpose of state-administered controlled substance monitoring systems ensuring that appropriate authorities have access to prescription history information for investigations.

The bill amends the Public Health Service Act to revise and reauthorize through FY2020 the controlled substance monitoring program.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 3, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Oct 20, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7013)
- **Oct 9, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 8, 2015:** Introduced in 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.