

HR 4229

Protecting Our Youth from Dangerous Synthetic Drugs Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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| Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7] | D · NY | | Sep 6, 2016 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Dec 11, 2015 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Jan 15, 2016 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 S 36 | Identical bill | Jan 6, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S19) |

Summary (as of Dec 10, 2015)

Protecting Our Youth from Dangerous Synthetic Drugs Act of 2015

This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to include in the definition of a "controlled substance analogue" a substance designated as such by the Controlled Substance Analogue Committee (established by this bill).

It directs the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to establish such Committee as an interagency committee headed by the DEA and comprised of scientific experts in the fields of chemistry and pharmacology from the DEA, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and any other federal agency determined by the DEA to be appropriate.

The Committee may designate, and shall establish and maintain a list of, controlled substance analogues determined to be similar to a schedule I or II controlled substance in either chemical structure or predictive effect on the body in such a manner as to make it likely that the substance will, or can be reasonably expected to, have a potential for abuse. The DEA must publish a description of each designation made by the Committee.

The bill amends the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to prohibit the importation of any controlled substance analogue except pursuant to such notification or declaration as the DEA may prescribe.

It directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to review and, if appropriate, amend the federal sentencing guidelines and policy statements to ensure that they provide adequate penalties for any offense involving the unlawful manufacturing, importing, exporting, or trafficking of controlled substance analogues and similar offenses.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 15, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Dec 11, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 10, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 10, 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.