

## HR 4599

### Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Feb 24, 2016

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 12, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4599>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Feb 24, 2016
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Feb 26, 2016
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2016
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Feb 26, 2016
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Mar 1, 2016
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Mar 1, 2016
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 3, 2016
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Mar 14, 2016
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Mar 22, 2016
Rep. Guinta, Frank C. [R-NH-1]	R · NH		Apr 12, 2016
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Apr 12, 2016
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Apr 13, 2016
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Apr 19, 2016
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		May 3, 2016
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		May 10, 2016
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		May 10, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 20, 2016
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 524	Related bill	<b>Jul 22, 2016:</b> Became Public Law No: 114-198.
114 HR 5189	Related bill	<b>Jun 7, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
114 HR 4981	Related bill	<b>May 12, 2016:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
114 S 2578	Identical bill	<b>Feb 24, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

### Summary (as of May 11, 2016)

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(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on May 10, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

#### Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow a pharmacist to partially fill a prescription for a schedule II controlled substance (such as a prescription opioid painkiller) if: (1) it is not prohibited by state law, (2) it is prescribed in accordance with existing laws and regulations, (3) it is requested by the patient or prescribing practitioner, and (4) the total quantity dispensed in partial fillings does not exceed the total quantity prescribed.

Additionally, a pharmacist may partially fill a prescription for a schedule II controlled substance in other circumstances in accordance with existing Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regulations. (Current DEA regulations permit partial fills when a pharmacist cannot supply a full quantity, a patient resides in a long-term care facility, or a patient is terminally ill.)

The remaining portion of a partially filled prescription may be filled within 30 days or, in the case of an emergency situation, within 72 hours.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 12, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **May 11, 2016:** Mr. Guthrie moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 11, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2273-2275)
- **May 11, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4599.
- **May 11, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2273)
- **May 11, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2273)
- **May 11, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 10, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 114-556.
- **May 10, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 430.
- **Apr 27, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 27, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 25, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Feb 26, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.