

S 2635

Ending the Fentanyl Crisis Act of 2018

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Apr 10, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 11, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5459	Related bill	May 21, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 1354	Related bill	Mar 17, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to modify the drug quantity thresholds that trigger a mandatory minimum prison term for a defendant who manufactures, distributes, imports, exports, or possesses with intent to distribute fentanyl.

Specifically, the bill reduces from 400 to 20 grams the fentanyl quantity and from 100 to 5 grams the fentanyl analogue quantity that trigger a 10-year or 20-year mandatory minimum prison term for high-level first-time or repeat offenders. It also reduces from 40 to 2 grams the fentanyl quantity and from 10 to 0.5 grams the fentanyl analogue quantity that trigger a 5-year or 10-year mandatory minimum prison term for low-level first-time or repeat offenders.

Additionally, the bill directs the U.S. Postal Service to increase the availability of chemical screening devices and dedicate the appropriate number of personnel to interdict fentanyl and other substances that are unlawfully imported into the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 11, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism. Hearings held.
- **Apr 9, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 9, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.