

HR 4275

Empowering Pharmacists in the Fight Against Opioid Abuse Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Nov 7, 2017

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. (Jun 13, 2018)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4275>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Nov 7, 2017
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Feb 27, 2018
Rep. Jenkins, Evan H. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Mar 5, 2018
Rep. Handel, Karen C. [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Mar 13, 2018
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Mar 13, 2018
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Mar 20, 2018
Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		May 9, 2018
Rep. Poliquin, Bruce [R-ME-2]	R · ME		May 9, 2018
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		May 10, 2018
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		May 24, 2018
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Jun 12, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 25, 2018
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6	Related bill	Oct 24, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-271.

Summary (as of Jun 12, 2018)

Empowering Pharmacists in the Fight Against Opioid Abuse Act

(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop and disseminate training programs and materials on: (1) the circumstances under which a pharmacist may refuse to fill a controlled substance prescription suspected to be fraudulent, forged, or indicative of abuse or diversion; and (2) federal requirements related to such refusal.

HHS must seek input from relevant stakeholders.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 13, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jun 12, 2018:** Mr. Walden moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 12, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5066-5067)
- **Jun 12, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4275.
- **Jun 12, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5066)
- **Jun 12, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5066)
- **Jun 12, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 9, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 9, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 25, 2018:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 25, 2018:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Nov 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.