

HR 5459

Ending the Fentanyl Crisis Act of 2018

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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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. (May 21, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]

Party: Republican • State: AR • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Apr 24, 2018
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		May 7, 2018
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jun 12, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2018
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2635	Related bill	Apr 11, 2018: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism. Hearings held.

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2018)

Ending the Fentanyl Crisis Act of 2018

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

- **May 21, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Apr 10, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 10, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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.