

HR 6946

SAFE Act of 2022

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Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Mar 7, 2022
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Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2022
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Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Apr 4, 2022
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jul 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 8, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6713	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1910	Related bill	May 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Save Americans from the Fentanyl Emergency Act of 2022 or the SAFE Act of 2022

This bill permanently places fentanyl-related substances as a class into schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. A schedule I controlled substance is a drug, substance, or chemical that has a high potential for abuse; has no currently accepted medical value; and is subject to regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal penalties under the Controlled Substances Act.

It limits the application of mandatory minimum penalties for certain offenses involving fentanyl-related substances, establishes a process to deschedule or remove certain fentanyl-related substances that have a low potential for abuse, and allows a federal court to vacate or reduce the sentence for convictions of offenses involving a fentanyl-related substance that is descheduled or moved to a schedule other than schedule I or II.

The bill establishes a new, alternative registration process for schedule I research. It also makes other changes to registration requirements for conducting research with controlled substances, including

- permitting a single registration for related research sites in certain circumstances,
- waiving the requirement for a new inspection in certain situations, and
- allowing a registered researcher to perform certain manufacturing activities with small quantities of a substance without obtaining a manufacturing registration.

Finally, the bill requires the Government Accountability Office to analyze the implementation and impact of permanently placing fentanyl-related substances into schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 8, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 7, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 7, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.