

HR 171

HALT Fentanyl Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jan 20, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]

Party: Republican • State: VA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Feb 1, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 20, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 467	Identical bill	May 30, 2023: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 3629	Related bill	May 26, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 1141	Identical bill	Mar 30, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 1580	Related bill	Mar 24, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 600	Related bill	Mar 1, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 568	Related bill	Feb 3, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act or the HALT Fentanyl Act**

This bill 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.

Additionally, the bill establishes a new, alternative registration process for schedule I research that is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Veterans Affairs or that is conducted under an investigative new drug exemption from the Food and Drug Administration.

The bill also makes several 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.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 20, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2023:** 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.