

## HR 467

### HALT Fentanyl Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Feb 2, 2023
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Feb 2, 2023
Rep. Edwards, Chuck [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Feb 8, 2023
Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Feb 8, 2023
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Feb 8, 2023
Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Feb 14, 2023
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Feb 17, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Mike [R-CA-27]	R · CA		Feb 27, 2023
Rep. Ciscomani, Juan [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Mar 3, 2023
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Mar 3, 2023
Rep. Bice, Stephanie L. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Mar 7, 2023
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Mar 7, 2023
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Mar 17, 2023
Rep. Bean, Aaron [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Mar 28, 2023

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Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Mar 28, 2023
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Apr 6, 2023
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Apr 13, 2023
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		May 15, 2023
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Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	R · TN		May 17, 2023
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Rep. Langworthy, Nicholas A. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		May 17, 2023
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		May 17, 2023
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		May 17, 2023

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Markup by	Mar 23, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged From	May 17, 2023
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 30, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3629	Related bill	May 26, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HRES 429	Related bill	May 23, 2023: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
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.
118 HR 171	Identical bill	Jan 20, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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

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.

(The temporary scheduling order issued by the Drug Enforcement Administration to place fentanyl-related substances into schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act expires on December 31, 2024.)

Under the bill, offenses involving fentanyl-related substances are triggered by the same quantity thresholds and subject to the same penalties as offenses involving fentanyl analogues (e.g., offenses involving 100 grams or more trigger a 10-year mandatory minimum prison term).

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.

Finally, the bill expresses the sense that Congress agrees with the interpretation of Controlled Substances Act in *United States v. McCray*, a 2018 case decided by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York. In that case, the court held that butyryl fentanyl, a controlled substance, can be considered an analogue of fentanyl even though, under the Controlled Substances Act, the term *controlled substance analogue* specifically excludes a controlled substance.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 30, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 25, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2602-2605)
- **May 25, 2023:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 429, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Miller (OH) amendment No. 1.
- **May 25, 2023:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 429, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Mills amendment No. 2.
- **May 25, 2023:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 429, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pettersen amendment No. 3.
- **May 25, 2023:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Pettersen amendment No. 3, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Pallone demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **May 25, 2023:** Mr. Bucshon moved that the committee rise.
- **May 25, 2023:** On motion that the committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **May 25, 2023:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 467 as unfinished business.
- **May 25, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2605-2607)
- **May 25, 2023:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **May 25, 2023:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 467.
- **May 25, 2023:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 25, 2023:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **May 25, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 289 - 133 (Roll no. 237).
- **May 25, 2023:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 289 - 133 (Roll no. 237).
- **May 25, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 24, 2023:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 429. (consideration: CR H2579-2587)
- **May 24, 2023:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 467, S.J. Res. 11 and H.J. Res. 45. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 467 under a structured rule with one of hour of general debate. S.J. Res. 11 and H.J. Res. 45 are considered under closed rules with one hour of general debate. Motion to recommit provided on H.R. 467 and H.J. Res. 45, and one motion to commit on S.J. Res. 11.
- **May 24, 2023:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 429 and Rule XVIII.
- **May 24, 2023:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Marjorie Taylor Greene to act as Chairwoman of the Committee.
- **May 24, 2023:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 467.
- **May 24, 2023:** Mr. Guthrie moved that the committee rise.
- **May 24, 2023:** On motion that the committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **May 24, 2023:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 467 as unfinished business.
- **May 22, 2023:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 429 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 467, S.J. Res. 11 and H.J. Res. 45. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 467 under a structured rule with one of hour of general debate. S.J. Res. 11 and H.J. Res. 45 are considered under closed rules with one hour of general debate. Motion to recommit provided on H.R. 467 and H.J. Res. 45, and one motion to commit on S.J. Res. 11.
- **May 17, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-67, Part I.
- **May 17, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **May 17, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 47.
- **Mar 24, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 24, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 27 - 19.
- **Mar 23, 2023:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 10 .
- **Jan 24, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 24, 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.

- **Jan 24, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.