

HR 568

SAFE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jun 12, 2023
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 26, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 467	Related 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	Related 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 171	Related bill	Jan 20, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Jan 26, 2023)

Save Americans from the Fentanyl Emergency Act or the SAFE 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.

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

- **Feb 3, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 1, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H588)
- **Jan 26, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 26, 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.

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