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To combat the trafficking, distribution, and abuse of Ecstasy (and other club drugs) in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Mica (for himself, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Ose, Mr. Graves, and Mr. Keller) introduced the following bill; which was 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

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Ecstasy Prevention
- 5 Act of 2001".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress makes the following findings:

- 1 (1) The illegal importation and use of 3,42 methylenedioxy methamphetamine (referred to in
 3 this Act as "MDMA" or "Ecstasy") has increased
 4 more than 400 percent during the past 3 years, as
 5 evidenced by Ecstasy seizures by the United States
 6 Customs Service.
 - (2) Some research has indicated that the use of Ecstasy can cause long-lasting and perhaps permanent damage to the serotonin system of the brain, and can cause long-term problems with learning and memory.
 - (3) Due to the popularity and marketability of Ecstasy, and the skyrocketing use, seizures, and deaths, greater emphasis needs to be placed on—
 - (A) the education of young people on the negative health effects of Ecstasy (and other club drugs) since the reputation of Ecstasy as a "safe drug" is its most dangerous component;
 - (B) the education of State and local law enforcement agencies and health care professionals and personnel regarding the growing problem of Ecstasy use and trafficking;
 - (C) adequate funding for the National Institutes of Health to support and report on re-

1	search that documents the health effects of Ec-
2	stasy use; and
3	(D) State and local government initiatives.
4	SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR ECSTASY ABUSE PREVENTION.
5	Section 506B(c) of title V of the Public Health Serv-
6	ice Act is amended by adding at the end the following:
7	"(3) Effective programs.—
8	"(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the pri-
9	ority under paragraph (2), the Administrator
10	shall give priority to communities that have
11	taken measures to combat club drug use, in-
12	cluding passing ordinances restricting rave
13	clubs, increasing law enforcement on Ecstasy,
14	and seizing lands under nuisance abatement
15	laws to make new restrictions on an establish-
16	ment's use.
17	"(B) State priority.—A priority grant
18	may be made to a State under this paragraph
19	on a pass-through basis to an eligible commu-
20	nity.".
21	SEC. 4. COMBATING ECSTASY AND OTHER CLUB DRUGS IN
22	HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS.
23	(a) Program.—
24	(1) In General.—The Director of the Office of
25	National Drug Control Policy shall use amounts

- available under this section to combat the trafficking
 of MDMA in areas designated by the Director as
 high intensity drug trafficking areas.
 - (2) ACTIVITIES.—In meeting the requirement in paragraph (1), the Director shall transfer funds to assist anti-Ecstasy law enforcement initiatives in high intensity drug trafficking areas, including assistance for investigative costs, intelligence enhancements, technology improvements, and training.

(b) Authorization of Appropriations.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—
- 13 (A) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2002; and
- 14 (B) such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2005.
- (2) No supplanting.—Any Federal funds received under this section shall be used to supplement, not supplant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be used to carry out activities funded under this section.
- 21 (c) Apportionment of Funds.—The Director shall 22 apportion amounts appropriated for a fiscal year pursuant 23 to the authorization of appropriations in subsection (b) for 24 activities under subsection (a) among and within areas 25 designated by the Director and based on the threat assess-

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- 1 ments submitted by individual high intensity drug traf-
- 2 ficking areas.

3 SEC. 5. NATIONAL YOUTH ANTIDRUG MEDIA CAMPAIGN.

- 4 (a) IN GENERAL.—In conducting the national media
- 5 campaign under section 102 of the Drug-Free Media Cam-
- 6 paign Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681–752), the Director of
- 7 the Office of National Drug Control Policy shall ensure
- 8 that such campaign addresses the reduction and preven-
- 9 tion of abuse of MDMA and club and emerging drugs
- 10 among young people in the United States.
- 11 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
- 12 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
- 13 section—
- 14 (1) \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2002; and
- 15 (2) such sums as are necessary for each of the
- fiscal years 2003 through 2005.

17 SEC. 6. MDMA DRUG TEST.

- 18 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Office
- 19 of National Drug Control Policy such sums as are nec-
- 20 essary to commission a drug test for MDMA which would
- 21 meet the standards for the Federal workplace.
- 22 SEC. 7. NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE REPORT.
- 23 (a) Research.—The Director of the National Insti-
- 24 tute on Drug Abuse (referred to in this section as the "Di-
- 25 rector") shall conduct research—

1	(1) that evaluates the effects that MDMA use
2	can have on an individual's health, such as—
3	(A) physiological effects such as changes in
4	ability to regulate one's body temperature, stim-
5	ulation of the cardiovascular system, muscle
6	tension, teeth clenching, nausea, blurred vision,
7	rapid eye movement, tremors, and other such
8	conditions, some of which can result in heart
9	failure or heat stroke;
10	(B) psychological effects such as mood and
11	mind altering and panic attacks which may
12	come from altering various neurotransmitter
13	levels such as serotonin in the brain;
14	(C) short-term effects like confusion, de-
15	pression, sleep problems, severe anxiety, para-
16	noia, hallucinations, and amnesia; and
17	(D) long-term effects on the brain with re-
18	gard to memory and other cognitive functions,
19	and other medical consequences; and
20	(2) documenting those research findings and
21	conclusions with respect to MDMA that are scientif-
22	ically valid and identify the medical consequences on
23	an individual's health.
24	(b) Interim Report.—Not later than January 1,
25	2003, the Director shall provide an interim report on the

1	progress and current findings of the study required by this
2	section.
3	(c) Final Report.—Not later than January 1,
4	2004, the Director shall submit a report to the Congress.
5	(d) Reports Public.—The report required by this
6	section shall be made public.
7	(e) Authorization of Appropriations.—There
8	are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
9	section—
10	(1) \$100,000 for the interim assessment under
11	subsection (b); and
12	(2) \$1,500,000 for the final report under sub-
13	section (c).
14	SEC. 8. INTERAGENCY ECSTASY/CLUB DRUG TASK FORCE.
15	(a) Establishment.—
16	(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of
17	National Drug Control Policy shall establish a Task
18	Force on Ecstasy/MDMA and Emerging Club Drugs
19	(referred to in this section as the "task force")
20	which shall—
21	(A) design, implement, and evaluate the
22	education, prevention, and treatment practices
23	and strategies of the Federal Government with
2324	and strategies of the Federal Government with respect to Ecstasy, MDMA, and emerging club

1	(B) specifically study the club drug prob-
2	lem and report its findings to Congress.
3	(2) Membership.—The task force shall—
4	(A) be under the jurisdiction of the Direc-
5	tor of the Office of National Drug Control Pol-
6	icy, who shall designate a chairperson; and
7	(B) include as members law enforcement,
8	substance abuse prevention, judicial, and public
9	health professionals as well as representatives
10	from Federal, State, and local agencies.
11	(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of the
12	task force shall be—
13	(1) to evaluate the current practices and strate-
14	gies of the Federal Government in education, pre-
15	vention, and treatment for Ecstasy, MDMA, and
16	other emerging club drugs and recommend appro-
17	priate and beneficial models for education, preven-
18	tion, and treatment;
19	(2) to identify appropriate government compo-
20	nents and resources to implement task force rec-
21	ommendations; and
22	(3) to make recommendations to the President
23	and Congress to implement proposed improvements
24	in accordance with the National Drug Control Strat-
25	egy and its budget allocations.

- 1 (c) Meetings.—The task force shall meet at least
- 2 once every 6 months.
- 3 (d) TERMINATION.—The task force shall terminate 3
- 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act.
- 5 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
- 6 are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 to carry out
- 7 this section.

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