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H. R. 5048

To require a study by the Comptroller General of the United States on Good Samaritan laws that pertain to treatment of opioid overdoses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2016

Mr. GUINTA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Good Samaritan As-
5 sessment Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

7 The Congress finds that the executive branch, includ-
8 ing the Office of National Drug Control Policy, has a pol-
9 icy focus on preventing and addressing prescription drug

1 misuse and heroin use, and has worked with States and
2 municipalities to enact Good Samaritan laws that would
3 protect caregivers, law enforcement personnel, and first
4 responders who administer opioid overdose reversal drugs
5 or devices.

6 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY ON GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS PER-**
7 **TAINING TO TREATMENT OF OPIOID**
8 **OVERDOSES.**

9 The Comptroller General of the United States shall
10 submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House
11 of Representatives, the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
12 ernment Reform of the House of Representatives, the
13 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, and the Com-
14 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
15 of the Senate a report on—

16 (1) the extent to which the Director of National
17 Drug Control Policy has reviewed Good Samaritan
18 laws, and any findings from such a review, including
19 findings related to the potential effects of such laws,
20 if available;

21 (2) efforts by the Director to encourage the en-
22 actment of Good Samaritan laws; and

23 (3) a compilation of Good Samaritan laws in ef-
24 fect in the States, the territories, and the District of
25 Columbia.

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act—

3 (1) the term “Good Samaritan law” means a
4 law of a State or unit of local government that ex-
5 empts from criminal or civil liability any individual
6 who administers an opioid overdose reversal drug or
7 device, or who contacts emergency services providers
8 in response to an overdose; and

9 (2) the term “opioid” means any drug, includ-
10 ing heroin, having an addiction-forming or addiction-
11 sustaining liability similar to morphine or being ca-
12 pable of conversion into a drug having such addic-
13 tion-forming or addiction-sustaining liability.

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