

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5048

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2016

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Good Samaritan As-
3 sessment Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

5 The Congress finds that the executive branch, includ-
6 ing the Office of National Drug Control Policy, has a pol-
7 icy focus on preventing and addressing prescription drug
8 misuse and heroin use, and has worked with States and
9 municipalities to enact Good Samaritan laws that would
10 protect caregivers, law enforcement personnel, and first
11 responders who administer opioid overdose reversal drugs
12 or devices.

13 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY ON GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS PER-**
14 **TAINING TO TREATMENT OF OPIOID**
15 **OVERDOSES.**

16 The Comptroller General of the United States shall
17 submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House
18 of Representatives, the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
19 ernment Reform of the House of Representatives, the
20 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, and the Com-
21 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
22 of the Senate a report on—

23 (1) the extent to which the Director of National
24 Drug Control Policy has reviewed Good Samaritan
25 laws, and any findings from such a review, including

1 findings related to the potential effects of such laws,
2 if available;

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

5 (3) a compilation of Good Samaritan laws in ef-
6 fect in the States, the territories, and the District of
7 Columbia.

8 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this Act—

10 (1) the term “Good Samaritan law” means a
11 law of a State or unit of local government that ex-
12 empts from criminal or civil liability any individual
13 who administers an opioid overdose reversal drug or
14 device, or who contacts emergency services providers
15 in response to an overdose; and

16 (2) the term “opioid” means any drug, includ-
17 ing heroin, having an addiction-forming or addiction-
18 sustaining liability similar to morphine or being ca-
19 pable of conversion into a drug having such addic-
20 tion-forming or addiction-sustaining liability.

Passed the House of Representatives May 10, 2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.