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H. R. 639

To amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Mr. PITTS (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) 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

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act''.

SEC. 2. SCHEDULING OF SUBSTANCES INCLUDED IN NEW FDA-APPROVED DRUGS.

Section 201(a) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 811(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following: ''Any such proceedings initiated at the request of the Secretary under this subsection to control a drug or other substance not previously scheduled, where the Secretary has recommended the drug or other substance be placed in schedule II, III, IV, or V, shall be commenced not later than 120 days after receipt of written recommendations from the Secretary. The final rule shall be issued not later than 60 days after the date on which both the public comment period has closed and the drug or other substance is the subject of an approved new drug application under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, unless a hearing on the proposed rule is granted by the Attorney General.''.

SEC. 3. ENHANCING NEW DRUG DEVELOPMENT.

Section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(i)(1) For the purposes of registration to manufacture a controlled substance under subsection (d) of this section for use only in a clinical trial, the Attorney General shall register an applicant or serve an order to show cause upon an applicant pursuant to section 304(c) of this Act

not later than 180 days after receipt of an application and all information the Attorney General deems necessary to make a determination under subsection (d).

''(2) For the purposes of registration to manufacture a controlled substance under subsection (a) for use only in a clinical trial, the Attorney General shall, in accordance with regulations issued by the Attorney General, issue a notice of application not later than 90 days after receipt of an application and all information the Attorney General deems necessary to issue a notice of application. Following the close of the comment period and receipt of all information the Attorney General deems necessary to make a determination under subsection (a), the Attorney General shall register an applicant or serve an order to show cause upon an applicant pursuant to section 304(c) of this Act within 180 days, unless a hearing on the application has been granted by the Attorney General pursuant to section 1008(i) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act.''.

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