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To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize an extension of exclusivity periods for certain drugs that are approved for a new indication for a rare disease or condition, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Orphan Products Ex-
5 tension Now Accelerating Cures and Treatments Act of
6 2017” or the “OPEN Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF EXCLUSIVITY PERIODS FOR A DRUG**
2 **APPROVED FOR A NEW INDICATION FOR A**
3 **RARE DISEASE OR CONDITION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Food, Drug, and
5 Cosmetic Act is amended by inserting after section 505F
6 of such Act (21 U.S.C. 355g) the following:

7 **“SEC. 505G. EXTENSION OF EXCLUSIVITY PERIODS FOR A**
8 **DRUG APPROVED FOR A NEW INDICATION**
9 **FOR A RARE DISEASE OR CONDITION.**

10 “(a) DESIGNATION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall des-
12 ignate a drug as a drug approved for a new indica-
13 tion to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or
14 condition for purposes of granting the extensions
15 under subsection (b) if—

16 “(A) prior to approval of an application or
17 supplemental application for the new indication,
18 the drug was approved or licensed under section
19 505(c) of this Act or section 351(a) of the Pub-
20 lic Health Service Act but was not so approved
21 or licensed for the new indication;

22 “(B)(i) the sponsor of the approved or li-
23 censed drug files an application or a supple-
24 mental application for approval of the new indi-
25 cation for use of the drug to prevent, diagnose,
26 or treat the rare disease or condition; and

1 “(ii) the Secretary approves the application
2 or supplemental application; and

3 “(C) the application or supplemental appli-
4 cation for the new indication contains the con-
5 sent of the applicant to public notice under
6 paragraph (4) with respect to the designation of
7 the drug.

8 “(2) REVOCATION OF DESIGNATION.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
10 subparagraph (B), a designation under para-
11 graph (1) shall not be revoked for any reason.

12 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may re-
13 voke a designation of a drug under paragraph
14 (1) if the Secretary finds that the application or
15 supplemental application resulting in such des-
16 ignation contained an untrue statement of ma-
17 terial fact.

18 “(3) NOTICE TO PUBLIC.—The Secretary shall
19 provide public notice of the designation of a drug
20 under paragraph (1).

21 “(b) EXTENSION.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary designates
23 a drug as a drug approved for a new indication for
24 a rare disease or condition, as described in sub-
25 section (a)(1)—

1 “(A)(i) the 4-, 5-, and 7½-year periods de-
2 scribed in subsections (c)(3)(E)(ii) and
3 (j)(5)(F)(ii) of section 505, the 3-year periods
4 described in clauses (iii) and (iv) of subsection
5 (c)(3)(E) and clauses (iii) and (iv) of subsection
6 (j)(5)(F) of section 505, and the 7-year period
7 described in section 527, as applicable, shall be
8 extended by 6 months; or

9 “(ii) the 4- and 12-year periods described
10 in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section
11 351(k)(7) of the Public Health Service Act and
12 the 7-year period described in section 527, as
13 applicable, shall be extended by 6 months; and

14 “(B)(i) if the drug is the subject of a listed
15 patent for which a certification has been sub-
16 mitted under subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii) or
17 (j)(2)(A)(vii)(II) of section 505 or a listed pat-
18 ent for which a certification has been submitted
19 under subsection (b)(2)(A)(iii) or
20 (j)(2)(A)(vii)(III) of section 505, the period
21 during which an application may not be ap-
22 proved under section 505(c)(3) or section
23 505(j)(5)(B) shall be extended by a period of 6
24 months after the date the patent expires (in-
25 cluding any patent extensions); or

1 “(ii) if the drug is the subject of a listed
2 patent for which a certification has been sub-
3 mitted under subsection (b)(2)(A)(iv) or
4 (j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) of section 505, and in the pat-
5 ent infringement litigation resulting from the
6 certification the court determines that the pat-
7 ent is valid and would be infringed, the period
8 during which an application may not be ap-
9 proved under section 505(c)(3) or section
10 505(j)(5)(B) shall be extended by a period of 6
11 months after the date the patent expires (in-
12 cluding any patent extensions).

13 “(2) RELATION TO PEDIATRIC AND QUALIFIED
14 INFECTIOUS DISEASE PRODUCT EXCLUSIVITY.—Any
15 extension under paragraph (1) of a period shall be
16 in addition to any extension of the periods under
17 sections 505A and 505E of this Act and section
18 351(m) of the Public Health Service Act, as applica-
19 ble, with respect to the drug.

20 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—Any extension described in sub-
21 section (b)(1) shall not apply if the drug designated under
22 subsection (a)(1) has previously received an extension by
23 operation of subsection (b)(1).

1 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘rare
2 disease or condition’ has the meaning given to such term
3 in section 526(a)(2).”.

4 (b) APPLICATION.—Section 505G of the Federal
5 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as added by subsection
6 (a), applies only with respect to a drug for which an appli-
7 cation or supplemental application described in subsection
8 (a)(1)(B)(i) of such section 505G is first approved under
9 section 505(c) of such Act (21 U.S.C. 355(c)) or section
10 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
11 262(a)) on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) RELATION TO PEDIATRIC EXCLUSIVITY FOR
14 DRUGS.—Section 505A of the Federal Food, Drug,
15 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355a) is amended—

16 (A) in subsection (b), by adding at the end
17 the following:

18 “(3) RELATION TO EXCLUSIVITY FOR A DRUG
19 APPROVED FOR A NEW INDICATION FOR A RARE DIS-
20 EASE OR CONDITION.—Notwithstanding the ref-
21 erences in paragraph (1) to the lengths of the exclu-
22 sivity periods after application of pediatric exclu-
23 sivity, the 6-month extensions described in para-
24 graph (1) shall be in addition to any extensions
25 under section 505G.”; and

1 (B) in subsection (c), by adding at the end
2 the following:

3 “(3) RELATION TO EXCLUSIVITY FOR A DRUG
4 APPROVED FOR A NEW INDICATION FOR A RARE DIS-
5 EASE OR CONDITION.—Notwithstanding the ref-
6 erences in paragraph (1) to the lengths of the exclu-
7 sivity periods after application of pediatric exclu-
8 sivity, the 6-month extensions described in para-
9 graph (1) shall be in addition to any extensions
10 under section 505G.”.

11 (2) RELATION TO EXCLUSIVITY FOR NEW
12 QUALIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASE PRODUCTS THAT
13 ARE DRUGS.—Subsection (b) of section 505E of the
14 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
15 355f) is amended—

16 (A) by amending the subsection heading to
17 read as follows: “RELATION TO PEDIATRIC EX-
18 CLUSIVITY AND EXCLUSIVITY FOR A DRUG AP-
19 PROVED FOR A NEW INDICATION FOR A RARE
20 DISEASE OR CONDITION.—”; and

21 (B) by striking “any extension of the pe-
22 riod under section 505A” and inserting “any
23 extension of the periods under sections 505A
24 and 505G, as applicable,”.

1 (3) RELATION TO PEDIATRIC EXCLUSIVITY FOR
2 BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS.—Section 351(m) of the
3 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(m)) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(5) RELATION TO EXCLUSIVITY FOR A BIO-
6 LOGICAL PRODUCT APPROVED FOR A NEW INDICA-
7 TION FOR A RARE DISEASE OR CONDITION.—Not-
8 withstanding the references in paragraphs (2)(A),
9 (2)(B), (3)(A), and (3)(B) to the lengths of the ex-
10 clusivity periods after application of pediatric exclu-
11 sivity, the 6-month extensions described in such
12 paragraphs shall be in addition to any extensions
13 under section 505G.”.

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