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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2142

[Report No. 115-317]

To improve the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances that are illegally imported into the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2017

Ms. TSONGAS (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. WELCH, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 25, 2017]

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 “International Narcotics*
5 *Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming*
6 *Contraband with Technology Act” or the “INTERDICT*
7 *Act”.*

8 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

9 *In this Act:*

10 (1) *CHEMICAL SCREENING DEVICE.*—*The term*
11 *“chemical screening device” means an immunoassay,*
12 *narcotics field test kit, infrared spectrophotometer,*
13 *mass spectrometer, nuclear magnetic resonance spec-*
14 *trometer, Raman spectrophotometer, or other sci-*
15 *entific instrumentation able to collect data that can*
16 *be interpreted to determine the presence of fentanyl,*
17 *other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and*
18 *psychoactive substances.*

19 (2) *COMMISSIONER.*—*The term “Commissioner”*
20 *means the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border*
21 *Protection.*

22 (3) *EXPRESS CONSIGNMENT OPERATOR OR CAR-*
23 *RIER.*—*The term “express consignment operator or*
24 *carrier” has the meaning given that term in section*

1 128.1 of title 19, Code of Federal Regulations (or any
2 similar successor regulation).

3 **SEC. 3. INTERDICTION OF FENTANYL, OTHER SYNTHETIC**
4 **OPIOIDS, AND OTHER NARCOTICS AND**
5 **PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES.**

6 (a) *CHEMICAL SCREENING DEVICES.*—The Commis-
7 sioner shall—

8 (1) *increase the number of chemical screening de-*
9 *VICES available to U.S. Customs and Border Protec-*
10 *tion officers over the number of such devices that are*
11 *available on the date of the enactment of this Act; and*

12 (2) *make such additional chemical screening de-*
13 *VICES available to U.S. Customs and Border Protec-*
14 *tion officers as the Commissioner determines are nec-*
15 *essary to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids,*
16 *and other narcotics and psychoactive substances that*
17 *are illegally imported into the United States, includ-*
18 *ing such substances that are imported through the*
19 *mail or by an express consignment operator or car-*
20 *rier.*

21 (b) *PERSONNEL TO INTERPRET DATA.*—The Commis-
22 sioner shall dedicate the appropriate number of U.S. Cus-
23 toms and Border Protection personnel, including scientists,
24 so that such personnel are available during all operational

1 *hours to interpret data collected by chemical screening de-*
2 *vices.*

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 *There is authorized to be appropriated to the Commis-*
5 *sioner \$9,000,000 to ensure that U.S. Customs and Border*
6 *Protection has resources, including chemical screening de-*
7 *vices, personnel, and scientists, available during all oper-*
8 *ational hours to prevent, detect, and interdict the unlawful*
9 *importation of fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other*
10 *narcotics and psychoactive substances.*

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