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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MANCHIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “DEA Enforcement and
5 Authority Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. DENIAL, REVOCATION, OR SUSPENSION OF CON-**
2 **TROLLED SUBSTANCES REGISTRATION.**

3 (a) STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPEN-
4 SION ORDERS.—Section 304(d)(2) of the Controlled Sub-
5 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 824(d)(2)) is amended by striking
6 “a substantial likelihood of an immediate threat” and in-
7 serting “probable cause”.

8 (b) OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT CORRECTIVE ACTION
9 PLAN PRIOR TO REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 304(e) of the Con-
11 trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 824(e)) is amend-
12 ed—

13 (A) by striking paragraphs (2) through
14 (5);

15 (B) by striking “(c)(1) Before” and insert-
16 ing “(c) Before”; and

17 (C) by adding at the end the following:

18 “The order to show cause shall contain a state-
19 ment of the basis thereof and shall call upon
20 the applicant or registrant to appear before the
21 Attorney General at a time and place stated in
22 the order, but in no event less than 30 days
23 after the date of receipt of the order. Pro-
24 ceedings to deny, revoke, or suspend shall be
25 conducted pursuant to this section in accord-
26 ance with subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5,

1 United States Code. Such proceedings shall be
2 independent of, and not in lieu of, criminal
3 prosecutions or other proceedings under this
4 title or any other law of the United States.”.

5 (2) APPLICABILITY TO PENDING CORRECTIVE
6 ACTION PLANS.—The Attorney General shall not be
7 required to review any corrective action plan sub-
8 mitted by an applicant or registrant under section
9 304(c)(2) of the Controlled Substances Act (21
10 U.S.C. 824(c)(2)), as in effect on the day before the
11 date of enactment of this Act.

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