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## AN ACT

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify how controlled substance analogues are to be regulated, 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 “Stop the Importation  
3 and Trafficking of Synthetic Analogues Act of 2017” or  
4 the “SITSA Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHEDULE A.**

6 Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
7 U.S.C. 812) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “five schedules  
9 of controlled substances, to be known as schedules I,  
10 II, III, IV, and V” and inserting “six schedules of  
11 controlled substances, to be known as schedules I,  
12 II, III, IV, V, and A”;

13 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the  
14 following:

15 “(6) SCHEDULE A.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The drug or substance—

17 “(i) has—

18 “(I) a chemical structure that is sub-  
19 stantially similar to the chemical structure  
20 of a controlled substance in schedule I, II,  
21 III, IV, or V; and

22 “(II) an actual or predicted stimulant,  
23 depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the  
24 central nervous system that is substantially  
25 similar to or greater than the stimulant,  
26 depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the

1 central nervous system of a controlled sub-  
2 stance in schedule I, II, III, IV, or V; and

3 “(ii) is not—

4 “(I) listed or otherwise included in  
5 any other schedule in this section or by  
6 regulation of the Attorney General; and

7 “(II) with respect to a particular per-  
8 son, subject to an exemption that is in ef-  
9 fect for investigational use, for that person,  
10 under section 505 of the Federal Food,  
11 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355)  
12 to the extent conduct with respect to such  
13 substance is pursuant to such exemption.

14 “(B) PREDICTED STIMULANT, DEPRESSANT, OR  
15 HALLUCINOGENIC EFFECT.—For purpose of this  
16 paragraph, a predicted stimulant, depressant, or hal-  
17 lucinogenic effect on the central nervous system may  
18 be based on—

19 “(i) the chemical structure and—

20 “(I) the structure activity relation-  
21 ships; or

22 “(II) binding receptor assays and  
23 other relevant scientific information about  
24 the substance;

1           “(ii)(I) the current or relative potential for  
2           abuse of the substance; and

3           “(II) the clandestine importation, manu-  
4           facture, or distribution, or diversion from legiti-  
5           mate channels, of the substance; or

6           “(iii) the capacity of the substance to  
7           cause a state of dependence, including physical  
8           or psychological dependence that is similar to or  
9           greater than that of a controlled substance in  
10          schedule I, II, III, IV, or V.”; and

11          (3) in subsection (e), in the matter preceding  
12          schedule I, by striking “IV, and V” and inserting  
13          “IV, V, and A”.

14 **SEC. 3. TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT SCHEDULING OF**  
15 **SCHEDULE A SUBSTANCES.**

16          Section 201 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
17 U.S.C. 811) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
18          lowing:

19          “(k) TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT SCHEDULING OF  
20          SCHEDULE A SUBSTANCES.—

21                 “(1) The Attorney General may issue a tem-  
22          porary order adding a drug or substance to schedule  
23          A if the Attorney General finds that—

1           “(A) the drug or other substance satisfies  
2           the criteria for being considered a schedule A  
3           substance; and

4           “(B) adding such drug or substance to  
5           schedule A will assist in preventing abuse of the  
6           drug or other substance.

7           “(2) A temporary scheduling order issued under  
8           paragraph (1) shall not take effect until 30 days  
9           after the date of the publication by the Attorney  
10          General of a notice in the Federal Register of the in-  
11          tention to issue such order and the grounds upon  
12          which such order is to be issued. The temporary  
13          scheduling order shall expire not later than 5 years  
14          after the date it becomes effective, except that the  
15          Attorney General may, during the pendency of pro-  
16          ceedings under paragraph (5), extend the temporary  
17          scheduling order for up to 180 days.

18          “(3) A temporary scheduling order issued under  
19          paragraph (1) shall be vacated upon the issuance of  
20          a permanent order issued under paragraph (5) with  
21          regard to the same substance, or upon the subse-  
22          quent issuance of any scheduling order under this  
23          section.

24          “(4) A temporary scheduling order issued under  
25          paragraph (1) shall not be subject to judicial review.

1           “(5)(A) Beginning no earlier than 3 years after  
2           issuing an order temporarily scheduling a drug or  
3           other substance under this subsection, the Attorney  
4           General may, by rule, issue a permanent order add-  
5           ing a drug or other substance to schedule A if such  
6           drug or substance satisfies the criteria for being con-  
7           sidered a controlled substance in schedule A under  
8           this subsection, except as provided in subparagraph  
9           (B).

10           “(B) If the Secretary has determined, based on  
11           relevant scientific studies and necessary data re-  
12           quested by the Secretary and gathered by the Attor-  
13           ney General, that a drug or other substance that has  
14           been temporarily placed in schedule A does not have  
15           sufficient potential for abuse to warrant control in  
16           any schedule, and so advises the Attorney General in  
17           writing, the Attorney General may not issue a per-  
18           manent scheduling order under subparagraph (A)  
19           and shall, within 30 days of receiving the Secretary’s  
20           advice issue an order immediately terminating the  
21           temporary scheduling order.

22           “(6) Before initiating proceedings under para-  
23           graph (1), the Attorney General shall transmit no-  
24           tice of a temporary order proposed to be issued to  
25           the Secretary of Health and Human Services. In

1 issuing an order under paragraph (1), the Attorney  
2 General shall take into consideration any comments  
3 submitted by the Secretary of Health and Human  
4 Services in response to a notice transmitted pursu-  
5 ant to this paragraph.

6 “(7) On the date of the publication of a notice  
7 in the Federal Register pursuant to paragraph (2),  
8 the Attorney General shall transmit the same notice  
9 to Congress. The temporary scheduling order shall  
10 take effect according to paragraph (2), except that  
11 the temporary scheduling order may be disapproved  
12 by an Act of Congress within 180 days from the  
13 date of publication of the notice in the Federal Reg-  
14 ister.”.

15 **SEC. 4. PENALTIES.**

16 (a) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.—The Con-  
17 trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amend-  
18 ed—

19 (1) in section 401(b)(1) (21 U.S.C. 841(b)(1)),  
20 by adding at the end the following:

21 “(F)(i) In the case of any controlled substance in  
22 schedule A, such person shall be sentenced to a term of  
23 imprisonment of not more than 10 years and if death or  
24 serious bodily injury results from the use of such sub-  
25 stance shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of

1 not more than 15 years, a fine not to exceed the greater  
2 of that authorized in accordance with the provisions of  
3 title 18, United States Code, or \$500,000 if the defendant  
4 is an individual or \$2.5 million if the defendant is other  
5 than an individual, or both.

6       “(ii) If any person commits such a violation after a  
7 prior conviction for a felony drug offense has become final,  
8 such person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment  
9 of not more than 20 years and if death or serious bodily  
10 injury results from the use of such substance shall be sen-  
11 tenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than 30  
12 years, a fine not to exceed the greater of twice that author-  
13 ized in accordance with the provisions of title 18, United  
14 States Code, or \$1 million if the defendant is an individual  
15 or \$5 million if the defendant is other than an individual,  
16 or both.

17       “(iii) Any sentence imposing a term of imprisonment  
18 under this subparagraph shall, in the absence of such a  
19 prior conviction, impose a term of supervised release of  
20 not less than 2 years in addition to such term of imprison-  
21 ment and shall, if there was such a prior conviction, im-  
22 pose a term of supervised release of not less than 4 years  
23 in addition to such term of imprisonment.”;

24               (2) in section 403(a) (21 U.S.C. 843(a))—



1 (A) in paragraph (8), by striking “or” at  
2 the end;

3 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking the pe-  
4 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the  
6 following:

7 “(10) to export a substance in violation of the  
8 controlled substance laws of the country to which  
9 the substance is exported.”; and

10 (3) in section 404 (21 U.S.C. 844), by inserting  
11 after subsection (a) the following:

12 “(b) A person shall not be subject to a criminal or  
13 civil penalty under this title or under any other Federal  
14 law solely for possession of a schedule A controlled sub-  
15 stance.”.

16 (b) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IMPORT AND EXPORT  
17 ACT.—Section 1010(b) of the Controlled Substances Im-  
18 port and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 960(b)) is amended by  
19 adding at the end the following:

20 “(8) In the case of a violation under subsection (a)  
21 involving a controlled substance in schedule A, the person  
22 committing such violation shall be sentenced to a term of  
23 imprisonment of not more than 20 years and if death or  
24 serious bodily injury results from the use of such sub-  
25 stance shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of

1 not more than life, a fine not to exceed the greater of that  
2 authorized in accordance with the provisions of title 18,  
3 United States Code, or \$1 million if the defendant is an  
4 individual or \$5 million if the defendant is other than an  
5 individual, or both. If any person commits such a violation  
6 after a prior conviction for a felony drug offense has be-  
7 come final, such person shall be sentenced to a term of  
8 imprisonment of not more than 30 years and if death or  
9 serious bodily injury results from the use of such sub-  
10 stance shall be sentenced to not more than life imprison-  
11 ment, a fine not to exceed the greater of twice that author-  
12 ized in accordance with the provisions of title 18, United  
13 States Code, or \$2 million if the defendant is an individual  
14 or \$10 million if the defendant is other than an individual,  
15 or both. Notwithstanding section 3583 of title 18, United  
16 States Code, any sentence imposing a term of imprison-  
17 ment under this paragraph shall, in the absence of such  
18 a prior conviction, impose a term of supervised release of  
19 not less than 3 years in addition to such term of imprison-  
20 ment and shall, if there was such a prior conviction, im-  
21 pose a term of supervised release of not less than 6 years  
22 in addition to such term of imprisonment. Notwith-  
23 standing the prior sentence, and notwithstanding any  
24 other provision of law, the court shall not place on proba-  
25 tion or suspend the sentence of any person sentenced

1 under the provisions of this paragraph which provide for  
2 a mandatory term of imprisonment if death or serious  
3 bodily injury results.”.

4 **SEC. 5. FALSE LABELING OF SCHEDULE A CONTROLLED**  
5 **SUBSTANCES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 305 of the Controlled  
7 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 825) is amended by adding at  
8 the end the following:

9 “(f) FALSE LABELING OF SCHEDULE A CON-  
10 TROLLED SUBSTANCES.—

11 “(1) It shall be unlawful to import, export,  
12 manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess with  
13 intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a  
14 schedule A substance or product containing a sched-  
15 ule A substance, unless the substance or product  
16 bears a label clearly identifying a schedule A sub-  
17 stance or product containing a schedule A substance  
18 by the nomenclature used by the International  
19 Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC).

20 “(2)(A) A product described in subparagraph  
21 (B) is exempt from the International Union of Pure  
22 and Applied Chemistry nomenclature requirement of  
23 this subsection if such product is labeled in the man-  
24 ner required under the Federal Food, Drug, and  
25 Cosmetic Act.

1           “(B) A product is described in this subpara-  
2 graph if the product—

3                   “(i) is the subject of an approved applica-  
4 tion as described in section 505(b) or (j) of the  
5 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; or

6                   “(ii) is exempt from the provisions of sec-  
7 tion 505 of such Act relating to new drugs be-  
8 cause—

9                           “(I) it is intended solely for investiga-  
10 tional use as described in section 505(i) of  
11 such Act; and

12                           “(II) such product is being used ex-  
13 clusively for purposes of a clinical trial  
14 that is the subject of an effective investiga-  
15 tional new drug application.”.

16           (b) PENALTIES.—Section 402 of the Controlled Sub-  
17 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 842) is amended—

18                   (1) in subsection (a)(16), by inserting “or sub-  
19 section (f)” after “subsection (e)”; and

20                   (2) in subsection (c)(1)(D), by inserting “or a  
21 schedule A substance” after “anabolic steroid”.

1 **SEC. 6. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HANDLERS OF**  
2 **SCHEDULE A SUBSTANCES.**

3 (a) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.—Section 303 of  
4 the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823) is amend-  
5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 “(k)(1) The Attorney General shall register an appli-  
7 cant to manufacture schedule A substances if—

8 “(A) the applicant demonstrates that the sched-  
9 ule A substances will be used for research, analyt-  
10 ical, or industrial purposes approved by the Attorney  
11 General; and

12 “(B) the Attorney General determines that such  
13 registration is consistent with the public interest and  
14 with the United States obligations under inter-  
15 national treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect  
16 on the date of enactment of this subsection.

17 “(2) In determining the public interest under para-  
18 graph (1)(B), the Attorney General shall consider—

19 “(A) maintenance of effective controls against  
20 diversion of particular controlled substances and any  
21 controlled substance in schedule A compounded  
22 therefrom into other than legitimate medical, sci-  
23 entific, research, or industrial channels, by limiting  
24 the importation and bulk manufacture of such con-  
25 trolled substances to a number of establishments  
26 which can produce an adequate and uninterrupted

1 supply of these substances under adequately com-  
2 petitive conditions for legitimate medical, scientific,  
3 research, and industrial purposes;

4 “(B) compliance with applicable State and local  
5 law;

6 “(C) promotion of technical advances in the art  
7 of manufacturing substances described in subpara-  
8 graph (A) and the development of new substances;

9 “(D) prior conviction record of applicant under  
10 Federal and State laws relating to the manufacture,  
11 distribution, or dispensing of substances described in  
12 paragraph (A);

13 “(E) past experience in the manufacture of con-  
14 trolled substances, and the existence in the establish-  
15 ment of effective control against diversion; and

16 “(F) such other factors as may be relevant to  
17 and consistent with the public health and safety.

18 “(3) If an applicant is registered to manufacture con-  
19 trolled substances in schedule I or II under subsection (a),  
20 the applicant shall not be required to apply for a separate  
21 registration under this subsection.

22 “(1)(1) The Attorney General shall register an appli-  
23 cant to distribute schedule A substances—

24 “(A) if the applicant demonstrates that the  
25 schedule A substances will be used for research, ana-

1 lytical, or industrial purposes approved by the Attor-  
2 ney General; and

3 “(B) unless the Attorney General determines  
4 that the issuance of such registration is inconsistent  
5 with the public interest.

6 “(2) In determining the public interest under para-  
7 graph (1)(B), the Attorney General shall consider—

8 “(A) maintenance of effective control against  
9 diversion of particular controlled substances into  
10 other than legitimate medical, scientific, and indus-  
11 trial channels;

12 “(B) compliance with applicable State and local  
13 law;

14 “(C) prior conviction record of applicant under  
15 Federal or State laws relating to the manufacture,  
16 distribution, or dispensing of substances described in  
17 subparagraph (A);

18 “(D) past experience in the distribution of con-  
19 trolled substances; and

20 “(E) such other factors as may be relevant to  
21 and consistent with the public health and safety.

22 “(3) If an applicant is registered to distribute a con-  
23 trolled substance in schedule I or II under subsection (b),  
24 the applicant shall not be required to apply for a separate  
25 registration under this subsection.

1           “(m)(1)(A) Not later than 90 days after the date on  
2 which a substance is placed in schedule A, any practitioner  
3 who was engaged in research on the substance before the  
4 placement of the substance in schedule A and any manu-  
5 facturer or distributor who was handling the substance be-  
6 fore the placement of the substance in schedule A shall  
7 register with the Attorney General.

8           “(B)(i) If an applicant described in subparagraph (A)  
9 is registered pursuant to subsection (f) to conduct re-  
10 search with a controlled substance in schedule I or II on  
11 the date on which another substance is placed in schedule  
12 A, the applicant may, subject to clause (iii), conduct re-  
13 search with that other controlled substance in schedule A  
14 while the application for registration pursuant to subpara-  
15 graph (A) is pending.

16           “(ii) If an applicant described in subparagraph (A)  
17 is registered pursuant to subsection (f) as described in  
18 clause (i) to conduct research with a controlled substance  
19 in schedule III, IV, or V on the date on which another  
20 substance is placed in schedule A, the applicant may, sub-  
21 ject to clause (iii), conduct research with that other con-  
22 trolled substance in schedule A while the application for  
23 registration pursuant to subparagraph (A) is pending,  
24 provided the substance for which the applicant is reg-  
25 istered to conduct research is in the same schedule as, or



1 a less-restricted schedule than, the controlled substance  
2 whose similarity in chemical structure and actual or pre-  
3 dicted effect to the controlled substance in schedule A  
4 formed the basis for placement of the substance in sched-  
5 ule A, as set forth in the order published in the Federal  
6 Register placing the substance in schedule A.

7 “(iii) The permission to conduct research pursuant  
8 to clause (i) or clause (ii) is conditional on the applicant’s  
9 complying with the registration and other requirements  
10 for controlled substances in schedule A.

11 “(iv) This subparagraph does not apply to applicants  
12 registered pursuant to subsection (f) whose authorization  
13 to conduct research with any controlled substances is lim-  
14 ited to doing so as a coincident activity pursuant to appli-  
15 cable regulations of the Attorney General.

16 “(2)(A) Not later than 60 days after the date on  
17 which the Attorney General receives an application for  
18 registration to conduct research on a schedule A sub-  
19 stance, the Attorney General shall—

20 “(i) grant, or initiate proceedings under section  
21 304(c) to deny, the application; or

22 “(ii) request supplemental information from the  
23 applicant.

24 “(B) Not later than 30 days after the date on which  
25 the Attorney General receives supplemental information

1 requested under subparagraph (A)(ii) in connection with  
2 an application described in subparagraph (A), the Attor-  
3 ney General shall grant or deny the application.

4       “(n)(1) The Attorney General shall register a sci-  
5 entific investigator or a qualified research institution to  
6 conduct research with controlled substances in schedule A  
7 in accordance with this subsection. In evaluating applica-  
8 tions for such registration, the Attorney General shall  
9 apply the criteria set forth in subsection (f) of this section  
10 that apply to practitioners seeking a registration to con-  
11 duct research with a schedule I controlled substance, ex-  
12 cept that the applicant shall not be required to submit a  
13 research protocol.

14       “(2) If the applicant is not currently registered under  
15 subsection (f) to conduct research with a schedule I con-  
16 trolled substance, the Attorney General shall refer the ap-  
17 plication to the Secretary, who shall determine whether  
18 the applicant will be engaged in bona fide research and  
19 is qualified to conduct such research. The 60-day period  
20 under subsection (m)(2)(A) shall be tolled during the pe-  
21 riod beginning on the date on which the Attorney General  
22 refers an application to the Secretary under this para-  
23 graph, and ending on the date on which the Secretary sub-  
24 mits a determination related to such referral to the Attor-  
25 ney General.

1           “(3) An applicant who meets the criteria under sub-  
2 section (m)(1)(B) with respect to a particular schedule A  
3 controlled substance shall be considered qualified to con-  
4 duct research with that substance. The Attorney General  
5 shall modify such applicant’s registration to include such  
6 schedule A controlled substance in accordance with this  
7 paragraph. The applicant shall notify the Attorney Gen-  
8 eral of his intent to conduct research with a controlled  
9 substance in schedule A. Upon receiving such notification,  
10 the Attorney General shall modify the practitioner’s exist-  
11 ing registration to authorize research with schedule A con-  
12 trolled substances, unless the Attorney General determines  
13 that the registration modification would be inconsistent  
14 with the public interest based on the criteria of subsection  
15 (f).

16           “(4) Registrations issued under this subsection to a  
17 qualified research institution will apply to all agents and  
18 employees of that institution acting within the scope of  
19 their professional practice.

20           “(5) At least 30 days prior to conducting any re-  
21 search with a controlled substance in schedule A, the reg-  
22 istrant shall provide the Attorney General with written no-  
23 tification of the following:

24                   “(A) The name of and drug code for each sub-  
25           stance.

1           “(B) The name of each individual with access  
2           to each substance.

3           “(C) The amount of each substance.

4           “(D) Other similar information the Attorney  
5           General may require.

6           “(6) The quantity of a schedule A controlled sub-  
7           stance possessed by a person registered under this sub-  
8           section shall be appropriate for the research being con-  
9           ducted, subject to the additional limitations set forth in  
10          this paragraph. To reduce the risk of diversion, the Attor-  
11          ney General may establish limitations on the quantity of  
12          schedule A controlled substances that may be manufac-  
13          tured or possessed for purposes of research under this sub-  
14          section and shall publish such limitations on the website  
15          of the Drug Enforcement Administration. A person reg-  
16          istered under this subsection may, based on legitimate re-  
17          search needs, apply to the Attorney General to manufac-  
18          ture or possess an amount greater than that so specified  
19          by the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall  
20          specify the manner in which such applications shall be  
21          submitted. The Attorney General shall act on an applica-  
22          tion filed under this subparagraph within 30 days of re-  
23          ceipt of such application. If the Attorney General fails to  
24          act within 30 days, the registrant shall be allowed to man-  
25          ufacture and possess up to the amount requested. The At-

1 torney General shall have the authority to reverse the in-  
2 crease for cause.

3 “(7) The Attorney General shall by regulation specify  
4 the manner in which applications for registration under  
5 this subsection shall be submitted.

6 “(8) Registrants authorized under this subsection  
7 may manufacture and possess schedule A controlled sub-  
8 stances up to the approved amounts only for use in their  
9 own research setting or institution. Manufacturing for use  
10 in any other setting or institution shall require a manufac-  
11 turer’s registration under section 303(a).”.

12 (b) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IMPORT AND EXPORT  
13 ACT.—Section 1008 of the Controlled Substances Import  
14 and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 958) is amended by adding  
15 at the end the following:

16 “(j)(1) The Attorney General shall register an appli-  
17 cant to import or export a schedule A substance if—

18 “(A) the applicant demonstrates that the sched-  
19 ule A substances will be used for research, analyt-  
20 ical, or industrial purposes approved by the Attorney  
21 General; and

22 “(B) the Attorney General determines that such  
23 registration is consistent with the public interest and  
24 with the United States obligations under inter-

1 national treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect  
2 on the date of enactment of this subsection.

3 “(2) In determining the public interest under para-  
4 graph (1)(B), the Attorney General shall consider the fac-  
5 tors described in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of sec-  
6 tion 303(k)(2).

7 “(3) If an applicant is registered to import or export  
8 a controlled substance in schedule I or II under subsection  
9 (a), the applicant shall not be required to apply for a sepa-  
10 rate registration under this subsection.”.

11 **SEC. 7. ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

12 (a) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.—The Con-  
13 trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amend-  
14 ed—

15 (1) in section 303(e) (21 U.S.C. 823(e))—

16 (A) by striking “subsections (a) and (b)”  
17 and inserting “subsection (a), (b), (k), or (l)”;  
18 and

19 (B) by striking “schedule I or II” and in-  
20 serting “schedule I, II, or A”;

21 (2) in section 306 (21 U.S.C. 826)—

22 (A) in subsection (a), in the first sentence,  
23 by striking “schedules I and II” and inserting  
24 “schedules I, II, and A”;

1 (B) in subsection (b), in the second sen-  
2 tence, by striking “schedule I or II” and insert-  
3 ing “schedule I, II, or A”;

4 (C) in subsection (c), in the first sentence,  
5 by striking “schedules I and II” and inserting  
6 “schedules I, II, and A”;

7 (D) in subsection (d), in the first sentence,  
8 by striking “schedule I or II” and inserting  
9 “schedule I, II, or A”;

10 (E) in subsection (e), in the first sentence,  
11 by striking “schedule I or II” and inserting  
12 “schedule I, II, or A”; and

13 (F) in subsection (f), in the first sentence,  
14 by striking “schedules I and II” and inserting  
15 “schedules I, II, and A”;

16 (3) in section 308(a) (21 U.S.C. 828(a)), by  
17 striking “schedule I or II” and inserting “schedule  
18 I, II, or A”;

19 (4) in section 402(b) (21 U.S.C. 842(b)), in the  
20 matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “sched-  
21 ule I or II” and inserting “schedule I, II, or A”;

22 (5) in section 403(a)(1) (21 U.S.C. 843(a)(1)),  
23 by striking “schedule I or II” and inserting “sched-  
24 ule I, II, or A”; and

1 (6) in section 511(f) (21 U.S.C. 881(f)), by  
2 striking “schedule I or II” each place it appears and  
3 inserting “schedule I, II, or A”.

4 (b) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IMPORT EXPORT  
5 ACT.—The Controlled Substances Import and Export Act  
6 (21 U.S.C. 951 et seq.) is amended—

7 (1) in section 1002(a) (21 U.S.C. 952(a))—

8 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
9 by striking “schedule I or II” and inserting  
10 “schedule I, II, or A”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “sched-  
12 ule I or II” and inserting “schedule I, II, or  
13 A”;

14 (2) in section 1003 (21 U.S.C. 953)—

15 (A) in subsection (c), in the matter pre-  
16 ceeding paragraph (1), by striking “schedule I or  
17 II” and inserting “schedule I, II, or A”; and

18 (B) in subsection (d), by striking “schedule  
19 I or II” and inserting “schedule I, II, or A”;

20 (3) in section 1004(1) (21 U.S.C. 954(1)), by  
21 striking “schedule I” and inserting “schedule I or  
22 A”;

23 (4) in section 1005 (21 U.S.C. 955), by striking  
24 “schedule I or II” and inserting “schedule I, II, or  
25 A”; and



1           (5) in section 1009(a) (21 U.S.C. 959(a)), by  
2           striking “schedule I or II” and inserting “schedule  
3           I, II, or A”.

4 **SEC. 8. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ANALOGUES.**

5           Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
6 U.S.C. 802) is amended—

7           (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “or V” and in-  
8           serting “V, or A”;

9           (2) in paragraph (14)—

10           (A) by striking “schedule I(c) and” and in-  
11           serting “schedule I(c), schedule A, and”; and

12           (B) by striking “schedule I(c),” and insert-  
13           ing “schedule I(c) and schedule A,”; and

14           (3) in paragraph (32)(A), by striking “(32)(A)”  
15           and all that follows through clause (iii) and inserting  
16           the following:

17           “(32)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C),  
18           the term ‘controlled substance analogue’ means a sub-  
19           stance whose chemical structure is substantially similar to  
20           the chemical structure of a controlled substance in sched-  
21           ule I or II—

22           “(i) which has a stimulant, depressant, or hal-  
23           lucinogenic effect on the central nervous system that  
24           is substantially similar to or greater than the stimu-  
25           lant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the cen-

1       tral nervous system of a controlled substance in  
2       schedule I or II; or

3               “(ii) with respect to a particular person, which  
4       such person represents or intends to have a stimu-  
5       lant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the cen-  
6       tral nervous system that is substantially similar to  
7       or greater than the stimulant, depressant, or hallu-  
8       cinogenic effect on the central nervous system of a  
9       controlled substance in schedule I or II.”.

10 **SEC. 9. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

11       Nothing in this Act, or the amendments made by this  
12 Act, may be construed to limit—

13               (1) the prosecution of offenses involving con-  
14 trolled substance analogues under the Controlled  
15 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.); or

16               (2) the authority of the Attorney General to  
17 temporarily or permanently schedule, reschedule, or  
18 decontrol controlled substances under provisions of  
19 section 201 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
20 U.S.C. 811) that are in effect on the day before the  
21 date of enactment of this Act.

22 **SEC. 10. STUDY BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.**

23       Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment  
24 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
25 shall complete a study and submit a report to the Commit-

1 tees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and  
2 of the Senate regarding the costs associated with the  
3 amendments made by section 4, including—

4 (1) the annual amounts expended by Federal  
5 agencies in carrying out the amendments;

6 (2) the costs associated with arrests, trials, con-  
7 victions, imprisonment, or imposition of other sanc-  
8 tions in accordance with the amendments; and

9 (3) the impact (including the fiscal impact) of  
10 the amendments on existing correctional facilities  
11 and the likelihood that those amendments will create  
12 a need for additional capacity for housing prisoners.

13 **SEC. 11. REPORT ON CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ANA-**  
14 **LOGUES SOLD BY MEANS OF THE INTERNET.**

15 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
16 of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Administrator of  
17 the Drug Enforcement Administration shall make publicly  
18 available on the website of the Drug Enforcement Admin-  
19 istration a report on, for the previous year, the lawful and  
20 unlawful sale of controlled substance analogues (as defined  
21 in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
22 U.S.C. 802)) by means of the Internet, including the fol-  
23 lowing information:

1           (1) The types of controlled substance analogues  
2           that were sold, and the number of sales for each  
3           such substance.

4           (2) The name of each person, entity, or Inter-  
5           net site, whether in the United States or abroad,  
6           that knowingly or intentionally delivers, distributes,  
7           or dispenses, or offers or attempts to deliver, dis-  
8           tribute, or dispense, a controlled substance analogue  
9           by means of the Internet, whether lawfully or unlaw-  
10          fully.

11          (3) An estimate of the total revenue for all of  
12          the vendors described in paragraph (2) for all of the  
13          sales described in paragraph (1).

14 **SEC. 12. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ANALOGUES.**

15          Section 203 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
16 U.S.C. 813) is amended—

17           (1) by striking “A controlled” and inserting  
18           “(a) IN GENERAL.—A controlled”; and

19           (2) by adding at the end the following:

20           “(b) DETERMINATION.—In determining whether a  
21           controlled substance analogue was intended for human  
22           consumption under subsection (a), the following factors  
23           may be considered, along with any other relevant factors:

24           “(1) The marketing, advertising, and labeling  
25           of the substance.

1           “(2) The known efficacy or usefulness of the  
2 substance for the marketed, advertised or labeled  
3 purpose.

4           “(3) The difference between the price at which  
5 the substance is sold and the price at which the sub-  
6 stance it is purported to be or advertised as is nor-  
7 mally sold.

8           “(4) The diversion of the substance from legiti-  
9 mate channels and the clandestine importation, man-  
10 ufacture, or distribution of the substance.

11           “(5) Whether the defendant knew or should  
12 have known the substance was intended to be con-  
13 sumed by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any  
14 other immediate means.

15           “(6) Any controlled substance analogue that is  
16 manufactured, formulated, sold, distributed, or mar-  
17 keted with the intent to avoid the provisions of exist-  
18 ing drug laws.

19           “(c) LIMITATION.—For purposes of this section, evi-  
20 dence that a substance was not marketed, advertised, or  
21 labeled for human consumption, by itself, shall not be suf-

- 1 ficient to establish that the substance was not intended
- 2 for human consumption.”.

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Attest:

*Clerk.*



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## AN ACT

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify how controlled substance analogues are to be regulated, and for other purposes.