

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1549

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2023

Mr. KUSTOFF (for himself and Ms. SPANBERGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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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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 “Criminalizing Abused  
5 Substance Templates Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PILL PRESS MOLDS.**

2 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 401 of the Controlled  
3 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841) is amended by adding at  
4 the end the following:

5 “(i) OFFENSE REGARDING UNLAWFUL POSSESSION  
6 OF PILL PRESS MOLDS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, with intent to  
8 manufacture in violation of this title a counterfeit  
9 substance in schedule I or II in a capsule, tablet, or  
10 other form for distribution, knowingly possesses a  
11 pill press mold, shall be imprisoned not more than  
12 20 years and fined in accordance with title 18,  
13 United States Code.

14 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the  
15 term ‘pill press mold’ means any punch, die, plate,  
16 stone, or other object designed to print, imprint, or  
17 reproduce on a controlled substance (or the con-  
18 tainer or labeling thereof) the trademark, trade  
19 name, or other identifying mark, imprint, number,  
20 or device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer,  
21 distributor, or dispenser other than the person or  
22 persons who in fact manufactured, created, distrib-  
23 uted, or dispensed such product, thereby rendering  
24 it a counterfeit substance.”.

25 (b) SENTENCING GUIDELINES.—Pursuant to its au-  
26 thority under section 994 of title 28, United States Code,

1 and in accordance with this section, the United States  
2 Sentencing Commission shall review and amend, as appro-  
3 priate, the Federal sentencing guidelines and policy state-  
4 ments to ensure that the guidelines provide for a penalty  
5 enhancement of not less than 2 offense levels above the  
6 offense level otherwise applicable for a violation of section  
7 401(a) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.  
8 841(a)) if the defendant is found, in connection with such  
9 violation of section 401(a), to be in violation of section  
10 401(i) of the Controlled Substances Act, as added by sub-  
11 section (a).

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