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To amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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 “Halt All Lethal Traf-  
5 ficking of Fentanyl Act” or the “HALT Fentanyl Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLASS SCHEDULING OF FENTANYL-RELATED SUB-**  
2 **STANCES.**

3 Section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
4 U.S.C. 812(c)) is amended by adding at the end of sched-  
5 ule I the following:

6 “(e)(1) Unless specifically exempted or unless listed  
7 in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture, or  
8 preparation which contains any quantity of a fentanyl-re-  
9 lated substance, or which contains the salts, isomers, and  
10 salts of isomers of a fentanyl-related substance whenever  
11 the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers  
12 is possible within the specific chemical designation.

13 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), except as pro-  
14 vided in paragraph (3), the term ‘fentanyl-related sub-  
15 stance’ means any substance that is structurally related  
16 to fentanyl by 1 or more of the following modifications:

17 “(A) By replacement of the phenyl portion of  
18 the phenethyl group by any monocycle, whether or  
19 not further substituted in or on the monocycle.

20 “(B) By substitution in or on the phenethyl  
21 group with alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, halo,  
22 haloalkyl, amino, or nitro groups.

23 “(C) By substitution in or on the piperidine  
24 ring with alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, ester, ether,  
25 hydroxyl, halo, haloalkyl, amino, or nitro groups.

1           “(D) By replacement of the aniline ring with  
2           any aromatic monocycle whether or not further sub-  
3           stituted in or on the aromatic monocycle.

4           “(E) By replacement of the N-propionyl group  
5           with another acyl group.

6           “(3) A substance that satisfies the definition of the  
7           term ‘fentanyl-related substance’ in paragraph (2) shall  
8           nonetheless not be treated as a fentanyl-related substance  
9           subject to this schedule if the substance—

10           “(A) is controlled by action of the Attorney  
11           General under section 201; or

12           “(B) is otherwise expressly listed in a schedule  
13           other than this schedule.

14           “(4)(A) The Attorney General may by order publish  
15           in the Federal Register a list of substances that satisfy  
16           the definition of the term ‘fentanyl-related substance’ in  
17           paragraph (2).

18           “(B) The absence of a substance from a list published  
19           under subparagraph (A) does not negate the control status  
20           of the substance under this schedule if the substance satis-  
21           fies the definition of the term ‘fentanyl-related substance’  
22           in paragraph (2).”.

1 **SEC. 3. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO RE-**  
2 **SEARCH.**

3 (a) ALTERNATIVE REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR  
4 SCHEDULE I RESEARCH.—Section 303 of the Controlled  
5 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating the second subsection (l)  
7 (relating to required training for prescribers) as sub-  
8 section (m); and

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

10 “(n) SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR PRACTITIONERS  
11 CONDUCTING CERTAIN RESEARCH WITH SCHEDULE I  
12 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection  
14 (g), a practitioner may conduct research described in  
15 paragraph (2) of this subsection with 1 or more  
16 schedule I substances in accordance with subpara-  
17 graph (A) or (B) of paragraph (3) of this sub-  
18 section.

19 “(2) RESEARCH SUBJECT TO EXPEDITED PRO-  
20 CEDURES.—Research described in this paragraph is  
21 research that—

22 “(A) is with respect to a drug that is the  
23 subject of an investigational use exemption  
24 under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug,  
25 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)); or

26 “(B) is—

1                   “(i) conducted by the Department of  
2                   Health and Human Services, the Depart-  
3                   ment of Defense, or the Department of  
4                   Veterans Affairs; or

5                   “(ii) funded partly or entirely by a  
6                   grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or  
7                   other transaction from the Department of  
8                   Health and Human Services, the Depart-  
9                   ment of Defense, or the Department of  
10                  Veterans Affairs.

11                  “(3) EXPEDITED PROCEDURES.—

12                   “(A) RESEARCHER WITH A CURRENT  
13                  SCHEDULE I OR II RESEARCH REGISTRATION.—

14                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—If a practitioner is  
15                  registered to conduct research with a con-  
16                  trolled substance in schedule I or II, the  
17                  practitioner may conduct research under  
18                  this subsection on and after the date that  
19                  is 30 days after the date on which the  
20                  practitioner sends a notice to the Attorney  
21                  General containing the following informa-  
22                  tion, with respect to each substance with  
23                  which the practitioner will conduct the re-  
24                  search:

1                   “(I) The chemical name of the  
2 substance.

3                   “(II) The quantity of the sub-  
4 stance to be used in the research.

5                   “(III) Demonstration that the re-  
6 search is in the category described in  
7 paragraph (2), which demonstration  
8 may be satisfied—

9                   “(aa) in the case of a grant,  
10 contract, cooperative agreement,  
11 or other transaction, or intra-  
12 mural research project, by identi-  
13 fying the sponsoring agency and  
14 supplying the number of the  
15 grant, contract, cooperative  
16 agreement, other transaction, or  
17 project; or

18                   “(bb) in the case of an ap-  
19 plication under section 505(i) of  
20 the Federal Food, Drug, and  
21 Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)),  
22 by supplying the application  
23 number and the sponsor of  
24 record on the application.

1                   “(IV) Demonstration that the re-  
2                   searcher is authorized to conduct re-  
3                   search with respect to the substance  
4                   under the laws of the State in which  
5                   the research will take place.

6                   “(ii) VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION  
7                   BY HHS OR VA.—Upon request from the  
8                   Attorney General, the Secretary of Health  
9                   and Human Services, the Department of  
10                  Defense, or the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
11                  fairs, as appropriate, shall verify informa-  
12                  tion submitted by an applicant under  
13                  clause (i)(III).

14                  “(B) RESEARCHER WITHOUT A CURRENT  
15                  SCHEDULE I OR II RESEARCH REGISTRATION.—

16                  “(i) IN GENERAL.—If a practitioner is  
17                  not registered to conduct research with a  
18                  controlled substance in schedule I or II,  
19                  the practitioner may send a notice to the  
20                  Attorney General containing the informa-  
21                  tion listed in subparagraph (A)(i), with re-  
22                  spect to each substance with which the  
23                  practitioner will conduct the research.

24                  “(ii) ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTION.—  
25                  The Attorney General shall—

1                   “(I) treat notice received under  
2                   clause (i) as a sufficient application  
3                   for a research registration; and

4                   “(II) not later than 45 days of  
5                   receiving such a notice that contains  
6                   all information required under sub-  
7                   paragraph (A)(i)—

8                   “(aa) register the applicant;  
9                   or

10                   “(bb) serve an order to show  
11                   cause upon the applicant in ac-  
12                   cordance with section 304(c).

13                   “(4) ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS.—The Attorney  
14                   General shall provide a means to permit a practi-  
15                   tioner to submit a notification under paragraph (3)  
16                   electronically.

17                   “(5) LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS.—A practitioner  
18                   conducting research with a schedule I substance  
19                   under this subsection may only possess the amounts  
20                   of schedule I substance identified in—

21                   “(A) the notification to the Attorney Gen-  
22                   eral under paragraph (3); or

23                   “(B) a supplemental notification that the  
24                   practitioner may send if the practitioner needs

1 additional amounts for the research, which sup-  
2 plemental notification shall include—

3 “(i) the name of the practitioner;

4 “(ii) the additional quantity needed of  
5 the substance; and

6 “(iii) an attestation that the research  
7 to be conducted with the substance is con-  
8 sistent with the scope of the research that  
9 was the subject of the notification under  
10 paragraph (3).

11 “(6) IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION RE-  
12 QUIREMENTS NOT AFFECTED.—Nothing in this sub-  
13 section alters the requirements of part A of title III,  
14 regarding the importation and exportation of con-  
15 trolled substances.

16 “(7) INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT.—Not later  
17 than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Halt  
18 All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act, the Inspec-  
19 tor General of the Department of Justice shall com-  
20 plete a study, and submit to Congress a report  
21 thereon, about research described in paragraph (2)  
22 of this subsection with fentanyl.”.

23 (b) SEPARATE REGISTRATIONS NOT REQUIRED FOR  
24 ADDITIONAL RESEARCHER IN SAME INSTITUTION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 302(c) of the Con-  
2           trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 822(c)) is amend-  
3           ed by adding at the end the following:

4           “(4) An agent or employee of a research insti-  
5           tution that is conducting research with a controlled  
6           substance if—

7           “(A) the agent or employee is acting with-  
8           in the scope of the professional practice of the  
9           agent or employee;

10          “(B) another agent or employee of the in-  
11          stitution is registered to conduct research with  
12          a controlled substance in the same schedule;

13          “(C) the researcher who is so registered—

14               “(i) informs the Attorney General of  
15               the name, position title, and employing in-  
16               stitution of the agent or employee who is  
17               not separately registered;

18               “(ii) authorizes that agent or em-  
19               ployee to perform research under the reg-  
20               istration of the registered researcher; and

21               “(iii) affirms that any act taken by  
22               that agent or employee involving a con-  
23               trolled substance shall be attributable to  
24               the registered researcher, as if the re-  
25               searcher had directly committed the act,

1 for purposes of any proceeding under sec-  
2 tion 304(a) to suspend or revoke the reg-  
3 istration of the registered researcher; and  
4 “(D) the Attorney General does not, within  
5 30 days of receiving the information, authoriza-  
6 tion, and affirmation described in subparagraph  
7 (C), refuse, for a reason listed in section  
8 304(a), to allow the agent or employee to pos-  
9 sess the substance without a separate registra-  
10 tion.”.

11 (2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section  
12 302(c)(3) of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
13 U.S.C. 822(c)(3)) is amended by striking “(25)”  
14 and inserting “(27)”.

15 (c) SINGLE REGISTRATION FOR RELATED RESEARCH  
16 SITES.—Section 302(e) of the Controlled Substances Act  
17 (21 U.S.C. 822(e)) is amended by adding at the end the  
18 following:

19 “(4)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a person  
20 registered to conduct research with a controlled substance  
21 under section 303(g) may conduct the research under a  
22 single registration if—

23 “(i) the research occurs exclusively on sites all  
24 of which are—

25 “(I) within the same city or county; and

1                   “(II) under the control of the same institu-  
2                   tion, organization, or agency; and

3                   “(ii) before commencing the research, the re-  
4                   searcher notifies the Attorney General of each site  
5                   where—

6                   “(I) the research will be conducted; or

7                   “(II) the controlled substance will be  
8                   stored or administered.

9                   “(B) A site described in subparagraph (A) shall be  
10                  included in a registration described in that subparagraph  
11                  only if the researcher has notified the Attorney General  
12                  of the site—

13                  “(i) in the application for the registration; or

14                  “(ii) before the research is conducted, or before  
15                  the controlled substance is stored or administered, at  
16                  the site.

17                  “(C) The Attorney General may, in consultation with  
18                  the Secretary, issue regulations addressing, with respect  
19                  to research sites described in subparagraph (A)—

20                  “(i) the manner in which controlled substances  
21                  may be delivered to the research sites;

22                  “(ii) the storage and security of controlled sub-  
23                  stances at the research sites;

24                  “(iii) the maintenance of records for the re-  
25                  search sites; and

1           “(iv) any other matters necessary to ensure ef-  
2           fective controls against diversion at the research  
3           sites.”.

4           (d) NEW INSPECTION NOT REQUIRED IN CERTAIN  
5           SITUATIONS.—Section 302(f) of the Controlled Sub-  
6           stances Act (21 U.S.C. 822(f)) is amended—

7           (1) by striking “(f) The” and inserting “(f)(1)  
8           The”; and

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

10          “(2)(A) If a person is registered to conduct research  
11          with a controlled substance and applies for a registration,  
12          or for a modification of a registration, to conduct research  
13          with a second controlled substance that is in the same  
14          schedule as the first controlled substance, or is in a sched-  
15          ule with a higher numerical designation than the schedule  
16          of the first controlled substance, a new inspection by the  
17          Attorney General of the registered location is not required.

18          “(B) Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall prohibit the  
19          Attorney General from conducting an inspection that the  
20          Attorney General determines necessary to ensure that a  
21          registrant maintains effective controls against diversion.”.

22          (e) CONTINUATION OF RESEARCH ON SUBSTANCES  
23          NEWLY ADDED TO SCHEDULE I.—Section 302 of the  
24          Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 822) is amended  
25          by adding at the end the following:

1           “(h) CONTINUATION OF RESEARCH ON SUBSTANCES  
2 NEWLY ADDED TO SCHEDULE I.—If a person is con-  
3 ducting research on a substance when the substance is  
4 added to schedule I, and the person is already registered  
5 to conduct research with a controlled substance in sched-  
6 ule I—

7           “(1) not later than 90 days after the scheduling  
8 of the newly scheduled substance, the person shall  
9 submit a completed application for registration or  
10 modification of existing registration, to conduct re-  
11 search on the substance, in accordance with regula-  
12 tions issued by the Attorney General for purposes of  
13 this paragraph;

14           “(2) the person may, notwithstanding sub-  
15 sections (a) and (b), continue to conduct the re-  
16 search on the substance until—

17           “(A) the person withdraws the application  
18 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection;  
19 or

20           “(B) the Attorney General serves on the  
21 person an order to show cause proposing the  
22 denial of the application under section 304(c);

23           “(3) if the Attorney General serves an order to  
24 show cause as described in paragraph (2)(B) and  
25 the person requests a hearing, the hearing shall be

1 held on an expedited basis and not later than 45  
2 days after the request is made, except that the hear-  
3 ing may be held at a later time if so requested by  
4 the person; and

5 “(4) if the person sends a copy of the applica-  
6 tion described in paragraph (1) to a manufacturer or  
7 distributor of the substance, receipt of the copy by  
8 the manufacturer or distributor shall constitute suf-  
9 ficient evidence that the person is authorized to re-  
10 ceive the substance.”.

11 (f) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN MANUFACTURING AC-  
12 TIVITIES AS COINCIDENT TO RESEARCH.—Section 302 of  
13 the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 822), as amend-  
14 ed by subsection (e), is amended by adding at the end  
15 the following:

16 “(i) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN MANUFACTURING AC-  
17 TIVITIES AS COINCIDENT TO RESEARCH.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
19 graph (3), a person who is registered to perform re-  
20 search on a controlled substance may perform manu-  
21 facturing activities with small quantities of that sub-  
22 stance, including activities described in paragraph  
23 (2), without being required to obtain a manufac-  
24 turing registration, if—

1           “(A) the activities are performed for the  
2 purpose of the research; and

3           “(B) the activities and the quantities of  
4 the substance involved in the activities are stat-  
5 ed in—

6                   “(i) a notification submitted to the  
7 Attorney General under section 303(n);

8                   “(ii) a research protocol filed with an  
9 application for registration approval under  
10 section 303(g); or

11                   “(iii) a notification to the Attorney  
12 General that includes—

13                           “(I) the name of the registrant;  
14 and

15                           “(II) an attestation that the re-  
16 search to be conducted with the small  
17 quantities of manufactured substance  
18 is consistent with the scope of the re-  
19 search that is the basis for the reg-  
20 istration.

21           “(2) ACTIVITIES INCLUDED.—Activities per-  
22 mitted under paragraph (1) include—

23                   “(A) processing the substance to create ex-  
24 tracts, tinctures, oils, solutions, derivatives, or  
25 other forms of the substance consistent with—

1 “(i) the information provided as part  
2 of a notification submitted to the Attorney  
3 General under section 303(n); or

4 “(ii) a research protocol filed with an  
5 application for registration approval under  
6 section 303(g); and

7 “(B) dosage form development studies per-  
8 formed for the purpose of requesting an inves-  
9 tigational new drug exemption under section  
10 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
11 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)).

12 “(3) EXCEPTION REGARDING MARIHUANA.—  
13 The authority under paragraph (1) to manufacture  
14 substances does not include the authority to grow  
15 marihuana.”.

16 (g) TRANSPARENCY REGARDING SPECIAL PROCE-  
17 DURES.—Section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act  
18 (21 U.S.C. 823), as amended by subsection (a), is amend-  
19 ed by adding at the end the following:

20 “(o) TRANSPARENCY REGARDING SPECIAL PROCE-  
21 DURES.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Attorney General de-  
23 termines, with respect to a controlled substance, that  
24 an application by a practitioner to conduct research  
25 with the substance should be considered under a

1 process, or subject to criteria, different from the  
2 process or criteria applicable to applications to con-  
3 duct research with other controlled substances in the  
4 same schedule, the Attorney General shall make  
5 public, including by posting on the website of the  
6 Drug Enforcement Administration—

7 “(A) the identities of all substances for  
8 which such determinations have been made;

9 “(B) the process and criteria that shall be  
10 applied to applications to conduct research with  
11 those substances; and

12 “(C) how the process and criteria described  
13 in subparagraph (B) differ from the process  
14 and criteria applicable to applications to con-  
15 duct research with other controlled substances  
16 in the same schedule.

17 “(2) TIMING OF POSTING.—The Attorney Gen-  
18 eral shall make information described in paragraph  
19 (1) public upon making a determination described in  
20 that paragraph, regardless of whether a practitioner  
21 has submitted such an application at that time.”.

22 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTION ON CONTROLLED SUB-**  
23 **STANCES DISPENSING.**

24 Effective as if included in the enactment of Public  
25 Law 117–328—

1           (1) section 1252(a) of division FF of Public  
2 Law 117–328 (136 Stat. 5681) is amended, in the  
3 matter being inserted into section 302(e) of the Con-  
4 trolled Substances Act, by striking “303(g)” and in-  
5 serting “303(h)”;

6           (2) section 1262 of division FF of Public Law  
7 117–328 (136 Stat. 5681) is amended—

8           (A) in subsection (a)—

9               (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
10 (1), by striking “303(g)” and inserting  
11 “303(h)”;

12               (ii) in the matter being stricken by  
13 subsection (a)(2), by striking “(g)(1)” and  
14 inserting “(h)(1)”;

15               (iii) in the matter being inserted by  
16 subsection (a)(2), by striking “(g) Practi-  
17 tioners” and inserting “(h) Practitioners”;  
18 and

19           (B) in subsection (b)—

20               (i) in the matter being stricken by  
21 paragraph (1), by striking “303(g)(1)”  
22 and inserting “303(h)(1)”;

23               (ii) in the matter being inserted by  
24 paragraph (1), by striking “303(g)” and  
25 inserting “303(h)”;

1 (iii) in the matter being stricken by  
2 paragraph (2)(A), by striking “303(g)(2)”  
3 and inserting “303(h)(2)”;

4 (iv) in the matter being stricken by  
5 paragraph (3), by striking “303(g)(2)(B)”  
6 and inserting “303(h)(2)(B)”;

7 (v) in the matter being stricken by  
8 paragraph (5), by striking “303(g)” and  
9 inserting “303(h)”;

10 (vi) in the matter being stricken by  
11 paragraph (6), by striking “303(g)” and  
12 inserting “303(h)”;

13 (3) section 1263(b) of division FF of Public  
14 Law 117–328 (136 Stat. 5685) is amended—

15 (A) by striking “303(g)(2)” and inserting  
16 “303(h)(2)”;

17 (B) by striking “(21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2))”  
18 and inserting “(21 U.S.C. 823(h)(2))”.

19 **SEC. 5. RULEMAKING.**

20 (a) INTERIM FINAL RULES.—The Attorney Gen-  
21 eral—

22 (1) shall, not later than 6 months after the date  
23 of enactment of this Act, issue rules to implement  
24 this Act and the amendments made by this Act; and

1           (2) may issue the rules under paragraph (1) as  
2 interim final rules.

3           (b) PROCEDURE FOR FINAL RULE.—

4           (1) EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERIM FINAL  
5 RULES.—A rule issued by the Attorney General as  
6 an interim final rule under subsection (a) shall be-  
7 come immediately effective as an interim final rule  
8 without requiring the Attorney General to dem-  
9 onstrate good cause therefor, notwithstanding sub-  
10 paragraph (B) of section 553(b) of title 5, United  
11 States Code.

12           (2) OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT AND HEAR-  
13 ING.—An interim final rule issued under subsection  
14 (a) shall give interested persons the opportunity to  
15 comment and to request a hearing.

16           (3) FINAL RULE.—After the conclusion of such  
17 proceedings, the Attorney General shall issue a final  
18 rule to implement this Act and the amendments  
19 made by this Act in accordance with section 553 of  
20 title 5, United States Code.

21 **SEC. 6. PENALTIES.**

22           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401(b)(1) of the Con-  
23 trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841(b)(1)) is amend-  
24 ed—

1           (1) in subparagraph (A)(vi), by inserting “or a  
2           fentanyl-related substance” after “any analogue of  
3           N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]  
4           propanamide”; and

5           (2) in subparagraph (B)(vi), by inserting “or a  
6           fentanyl-related substance” after “any analogue of  
7           N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]  
8           propanamide”.

9           (b) IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION.—Section  
10          1010(b) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export  
11          Act (21 U.S.C. 960(b)) is amended—

12           (1) in paragraph (1)(F), by inserting “or a  
13           fentanyl-related substance” after “any analogue of  
14           N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]  
15           propanamide”; and

16           (2) in paragraph (2)(F), by inserting “or a  
17           fentanyl-related substance” after “any analogue of  
18           N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]  
19           propanamide”.

20           (c) DEFINITION OF FENTANYL-RELATED SUB-  
21          STANCE.—

22           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 102 of the Con-  
23          trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802) is amended  
24          by adding at the end the following:

1 “(60) The term ‘fentanyl-related substance’ has the  
2 meaning given the term in subsection (e)(2) of schedule  
3 I of section 202(c).”.

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

7 (A) by redesignating paragraph (58) as  
8 paragraph (59); and

9 (B) by redesignating the second paragraph  
10 (57) (relating to the definition of “serious drug  
11 felony”) as paragraph (58).

12 **SEC. 7. APPLICABILITY; OTHER MATTERS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Irrespective of the date on which  
14 the rules required by section 4 are finalized, the amend-  
15 ments made by this Act apply beginning as of the date  
16 of enactment of this Act.

17 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the  
18 amendments made by this Act may be construed as evi-  
19 dence that, in applying sections 401(b)(1) and 1010(b) of  
20 the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841(b)(1),  
21 960(b)) with respect to conduct occurring before the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act, a fentanyl-related substance  
23 (as defined by such amendments) is not an analogue of  
24 N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]  
25 propanamide.

1           (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress agrees with the  
2 interpretation of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
3 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) in *United States v. McCray*, 346 F.  
4 Supp. 3d 363 (W.D.N.Y. 2018).