

## 115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 449

To require the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service to submit to Congress a report on the effects on public health of the increased rate of use of synthetic drugs.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 11, 2017

Mr. Jeffries (for himself, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Gowdy, Mr. Collins of New York, and Mr. Butterfield) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

## 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 "Synthetic Drug Aware-
- 5 ness Act of 2017".
- 6 SEC. 2. REPORT ON EFFECTS ON PUBLIC HEALTH OF SYN-
- 7 THETIC DRUG USE.
- 8 (a) In General.—Not later than three years after
- 9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Surgeon General

- 1 of the Public Health Service shall submit to Congress a
- 2 report on the effects on public health of the increase since
- 3 January 2010 in the rate of use of synthetic drugs in the
- 4 United States by individuals who are at least 12 years of
- 5 age but not more than 18 years of age.
- 6 (b) Synthetic Drug Defined.—For purposes of
- 7 subsection (a), the term "synthetic drug" means a drug
- 8 which is developed and manufactured to avoid control
- 9 under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et
- 10 seq.).

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