

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. 4739

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, other personnel, and canines against potential synthetic opioid exposure, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON)

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Synthetic Opioid Expo-
5 sure Prevention and Training Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION AGAINST POTENTIAL SYNTHETIC**
7 **OPIOID EXPOSURE WITHIN U.S. CUSTOMS**
8 **AND BORDER PROTECTION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title IV of the
10 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 211 et seq.)

1 is amended by inserting after section 415 the following
2 new section:

3 **“SEC. 416. PROTECTION AGAINST POTENTIAL SYNTHETIC**
4 **OPIOID EXPOSURE.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of U.S. Cus-
6 toms and Border Protection shall issue a policy that speci-
7 fies effective protocols and procedures for the safe han-
8 dling of potential synthetic opioids, including fentanyl, by
9 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents,
10 other personnel, and canines, and to reduce the risk of
11 injury or death resulting from accidental exposure and en-
12 hance post-exposure management.

13 “(b) TRAINING.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Together with the issuance
15 of the policy described in subsection (a), the Com-
16 missioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection
17 shall require mandatory and recurrent training on
18 the following:

19 “(A) The potential risk of opioid exposure
20 and safe handling procedures for potential syn-
21 thetic opioids, including precautionary measures
22 such as the use of personal protective equip-
23 ment during such handling.

1 “(B) How to access and administer opioid
2 receptor antagonists, including naloxone, post-
3 exposure to potential synthetic opioids.

4 “(2) INTEGRATION.—The training described in
5 paragraph (1) may be integrated into existing train-
6 ing under section 411(l) for U.S. Customs and Bor-
7 der Protection officers, agents, and other personnel.

8 “(c) PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND
9 OPIOID RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS.—Together with the
10 issuance of the policy described in subsection (a), the
11 Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection
12 shall ensure the availability of personal protective equip-
13 ment and opioid receptor antagonists, including naloxone,
14 to all U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers,
15 agents, other personnel, and canines at risk of accidental
16 exposure to synthetic opioids.

17 “(d) OVERSIGHT.—To ensure effectiveness of the pol-
18 icy described in subsection (a)—

19 “(1) the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and
20 Border Protection shall regularly monitor the effi-
21 cacy of the implementation of such policy and adjust
22 protocols and procedures, as necessary; and

23 “(2) the Inspector General of the Department
24 shall audit compliance with the requirements of this

1 section not less than once during the 3-year period
2 after the date of the enactment of this section.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
4 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
5 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
6 415 the following new item:

“Sec. 416. Protection against potential synthetic opioid exposure.”.