

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-54
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At the appropriate place in title LVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PRIORITIZATION OF EFFORTS OF THE DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF STATE TO COMBAT INTER-**
3 **NATIONAL TRAFFICKING IN COVERED SYN-**
4 **THETIC DRUGS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
6 prioritize efforts of the Department of State to combat
7 international trafficking in covered synthetic drugs by car-
8 rying out programs and activities including the following:

9 (1) Supporting increased data collection by the
10 United States and foreign countries through in-
11 creased drug use surveys among populations, in-
12 creased use of wastewater testing where appropriate,
13 and multilateral sharing of that data.

14 (2) Engaging in increased consultation and
15 partnership with international drug agencies, includ-
16 ing the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and
17 Drug Addiction, and regulatory agencies in foreign
18 countries.

1 (3) Carrying out the program to provide assist-
2 ance to build the capacity of foreign law enforcement
3 agencies with respect to covered synthetic drugs.

4 (4) Carrying out exchange programs for govern-
5 mental and nongovernmental personnel in the
6 United States and in foreign countries to provide
7 educational and professional development on demand
8 reduction matters relating to the illicit use of nar-
9 cotics and other drugs.

10 (b) REPORT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate con-
14 gressional committees a report on the implementa-
15 tion of this section.

16 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
17 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
18 propriate congressional committees” means—

19 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
20 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
21 of Representatives; and

22 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
23 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
24 Senate.

1 (c) PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO BUILD
2 THE CAPACITY OF FOREIGN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-
3 CIES WITH RESPECT TO COVERED SYNTHETIC DRUGS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 660
5 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
6 2420), the Secretary of State shall establish a pro-
7 gram to provide assistance to build the capacity of
8 law enforcement agencies of the countries described
9 in paragraph (3) to help such agencies to identify,
10 track, and improve their forensics detection capabili-
11 ties with respect to covered synthetic drugs.

12 (2) PRIORITY.—The Secretary of State shall
13 prioritize assistance under paragraph (1) among
14 those countries described in paragraph (3) in which
15 such assistance would have the most impact in re-
16 ducing illicit use of covered synthetic drugs in the
17 United States.

18 (3) COUNTRIES DESCRIBED.—The foreign
19 countries described in this paragraph are—

20 (A) countries that are producers of covered
21 synthetic drugs;

22 (B) countries whose pharmaceutical and
23 chemical industries are known to be exploited
24 for development or procurement of precursors
25 of covered synthetic drugs; or

1 (C) major drug-transit countries as defined
2 by the President.

3 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPRO-
4 PRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise au-
5 thORIZED for the purposes described in this sub-
6 section, there is authorized to be appropriated to the
7 Secretary \$4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
8 2023 through 2027 to carry out this subsection.

9 (d) EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND
10 NONGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE EDU-
11 CATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON DE-
12 MAND REDUCTION MATTERS RELATING TO ILLICIT USE
13 OF NARCOTICS AND OTHER DRUGS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
15 establish or continue and strengthen, as appropriate,
16 an exchange program for governmental and non-
17 governmental personnel in the United States and in
18 foreign countries to provide educational and profes-
19 sional development on demand reduction matters re-
20 lating to the illicit use of narcotics and other drugs.

21 (2) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—The program
22 required by paragraph (1)—

23 (A) shall be limited to individuals who have
24 expertise and experience in matters described in
25 paragraph (1);

1 (B) in the case of inbound exchanges, may
2 be carried out as part of exchange programs
3 and international visitor programs administered
4 by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Af-
5 fairs of the Department of State, including the
6 International Visitor Leadership Program in
7 consultation or coordination with the Bureau of
8 International Narcotics and Law Enforcement
9 Affairs; and

10 (C) shall include outbound exchanges for
11 governmental or nongovernmental personnel in
12 the United States.

13 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPRO-
14 PRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise au-
15 thorized for the purposes described in this sub-
16 section, there is authorized to be appropriated to the
17 Secretary \$1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
18 2023 through 2027 to carry out this subsection.

19 (e) AMENDMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
20 CONTROL PROGRAM.—

21 (1) INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL
22 STRATEGY REPORT.—Section 489(a) of the Foreign
23 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291h(a)) is
24 amended—

1 (A) by redesignating the second paragraph
2 (10) (relating to an identification of the coun-
3 tries that are the most significant sources of il-
4 licit fentanyl and fentanyl analogues) as para-
5 graph (11); and

6 (B) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(12) Information that contains an assessment
8 of the countries significantly involved in the manu-
9 facture, production, or transshipment of synthetic
10 opioids, including fentanyl and fentanyl analogues,
11 including the following:

12 “(A) The scale of legal domestic produc-
13 tion and any available information on the num-
14 ber of manufacturers and producers of such
15 opioids in such countries.

16 “(B) Information on any law enforcement
17 assessments of the scale of illegal production,
18 including a description of the capacity of illegal
19 laboratories to produce such opioids.

20 “(C) The types of inputs used and a de-
21 scription of the primary methods of synthesis
22 employed by illegal producers of such opioids.

23 “(D) An assessment of the policies of such
24 countries to regulate licit manufacture and
25 interdict illicit manufacture, diversion, distribu-

1 tion, and shipment of such opioids and an as-
2 sessment of the effectiveness of the policies' im-
3 plementation.

4 “(13) Information on, to the extent practicable,
5 any policies of responding to a substance described
6 in section [____](g)(2) of the National Defense Au-
7 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, including the
8 following:

9 “(A) Which governments have articulated
10 policies on scheduling of such substances.

11 “(B) Any data on impacts of such policies
12 and other responses to such substances.

13 “(C) An assessment of any policies the
14 United States could adopt to improve its re-
15 sponse to such substances.”.

16 (2) MODIFICATIONS TO DEFINITIONS.—Section
17 481(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
18 U.S.C. 2291(e)) is amended—

19 (A) in paragraph (2)(D), by inserting “or
20 a significant direct source of illicit narcotic or
21 psychotropic drugs or other controlled sub-
22 stances” after “opioids”; and

23 (B) by amending paragraph (5) to read as
24 follows:

1 “(5) the term ‘major drug-transit country’
2 means a country through which are transported il-
3 licit narcotic or psychotropic drugs or other con-
4 trolled substances significantly affecting the United
5 States.”.

6 (f) COVERED SYNTHETIC DRUG.—In this section, the
7 term “covered synthetic drug” means—

8 (1) a synthetic controlled substance (as defined
9 in section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act
10 (21 U.S.C. 802(6))), including fentanyl or a fentanyl
11 analogue; or

12 (2) a substance of abuse, or any preparation
13 thereof, that—

14 (A) is not—

15 (i) included in any schedule as a con-
16 trolled substance under the Controlled
17 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.); or

18 (ii) controlled by the Single Conven-
19 tion on Narcotic Drugs signed at New
20 York, New York, on March 30, 1961, or
21 the Convention on Psychotropic Substances
22 signed at Vienna, Austria, on February 21,
23 1971;

24 (B) is new or has reemerged on the illicit
25 market; and

1 (C) poses a threat to the public health and
2 safety.

