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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To improve the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances that are illegally imported into the United States, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “International Narcotics
3 Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming
4 Contraband with Technology Act” or the “INTERDICT
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **CHEMICAL SCREENING DEVICE.**—The term
9 “chemical screening device” means an immunoassay,
10 narcotics field test kit, infrared spectrophotometer,
11 mass spectrometer, nuclear magnetic resonance
12 spectrometer, Raman spectrophotometer, or other
13 scientific instrumentation able to collect data that
14 can be interpreted to determine the presence of
15 fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics
16 and psychoactive substances.

17 (2) **COMMISSIONER.**—The term “Commis-
18 sioner” means the Commissioner of U.S. Customs
19 and Border Protection.

20 (3) **EXPRESS CONSIGNMENT OPERATOR OR CAR-**
21 **RIER.**—The term “express consignment operator or
22 carrier” has the meaning given that term in section
23 128.1 of title 19, Code of Federal Regulations (or
24 any similar successor regulation).

1 **SEC. 3. INTERDICTION OF FENTANYL, OTHER SYNTHETIC**
2 **OPIOIDS, AND OTHER NARCOTICS AND**
3 **PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES.**

4 (a) **CHEMICAL SCREENING DEVICES.**—The Commis-
5 sioner shall—

6 (1) increase the number of chemical screening
7 devices available to U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
8 tection officers over the number of such devices that
9 are available on the date of the enactment of this
10 Act; and

11 (2) make such additional chemical screening de-
12 vices available to U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
13 tion officers as the Commissioner determines are
14 necessary to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic
15 opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive sub-
16 stances that are illegally imported into the United
17 States, including such substances that are imported
18 through the mail or by an express consignment oper-
19 ator or carrier.

20 (b) **PERSONNEL TO INTERPRET DATA.**—The Com-
21 missioner shall dedicate the appropriate number of U.S.
22 Customs and Border Protection personnel, including sci-
23 entists, so that such personnel are available during all
24 operational hours to interpret data collected by chemical
25 screening devices.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Com-
3 missioner \$9,000,000 to ensure that U.S. Customs and
4 Border Protection has resources, including chemical
5 screening devices, personnel, and scientists, available dur-
6 ing all operational hours to prevent, detect, and interdict
7 the unlawful importation of fentanyl, other synthetic
8 opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances.

 Passed the House of Representatives October 24,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.