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# 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.

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## 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

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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 “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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