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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAYLOR 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 “Nitazene Response  
5       Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE IN RESPONDING TO NITAZENE**  
7       **OVERDOSES.**

8       (a) GUIDELINES.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
2       Human Services (in this section referred to as the  
3       “Secretary”) shall issue updated, evidence-based  
4       clinical guidelines (in this section referred to as the  
5       “guidelines”) for responding to nitazene overdoses.

6           (2) CONTENTS.—The guidelines shall contain—

7                (A) a description of best practices for re-  
8       sponding to potential nitazene overdoses, in-  
9       cluding protocols for administering naloxone;

10              (B) guidance for emergency departments  
11       and hospitals in responding to nitazene  
12       overdoses;

13              (C) guidance for rural and volunteer emer-  
14       gency medical services systems in responding to  
15       nitazene overdoses; and

16              (D) such other information as the Sec-  
17       retary determines appropriate.

18           (3) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 180 days  
19       after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
20       retary shall publish the guidelines on the public  
21       internet website of the Department of Health and  
22       Human Services.

23           (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year  
24       after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
25       submit to Congress a report containing the guidelines and

1 a description of how the guidelines will assist in address-  
2 ing the problem of nitazene overdoses.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) NITAZENE.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “nitazene”  
6 means benzimidazole-opioids, including any sub-  
7 stance (including its salts, isomers, and salts of  
8 isomers) that has a chemical structure that is  
9 substantially similar to that of etonitazene or  
10 isotonitazene, including—

11 (i) a benzimidazole core substituted at  
12 the 2-position with a benzyl or substituted  
13 benzyl group;

14 (ii) a basic nitrogen-containing side  
15 chain at the 1-position; and

16 (iii) exhibits agonist activity at the  
17 mu-opioid receptor.

18 (B) INCLUDED SUBSTANCES.—The term  
19 “nitazene” includes, at a minimum, the fol-  
20 lowing: etonitazene, clonitazene, metonitazene,  
21 isotonitazene, protonitazene, butonitazene,  
22 etodesnitazene, flunitazene, N-pyrrolidino  
23 etonitazene, N-desethyl isotonitazene, and N-  
24 piperidinyl etonitazene.

1           (2) NITAZENE OVERDOSE.—The term “nitazene  
2       overdose” means an overdose involving nitazene or  
3       any other ultra-potent synthetic opioid.

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