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# S. 4446

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2026

Mrs. MOODY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Preventing Rogue  
5       Equipment for Synthetic Substances Act” or the “PRESS  
6       Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING FOR EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDIC-**  
2 **TION.**

3 (a) POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, OR DISTRIBUTION  
4 FOR PURPOSES OF UNLAWFUL IMPORTATION.—Section  
5 1009 of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act  
6 (21 U.S.C. 959) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as  
8 subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to manufac-  
12 ture or distribute a tableting machine, encapsulating ma-  
13 chine, press punch, die system, gelatin capsule, or any  
14 equipment, chemical, product, or material—

15 “(1) intending or knowing that it will be used  
16 to manufacture a controlled substance or listed  
17 chemical; and

18 “(2) intending, knowing, or having reasonable  
19 cause to believe that the controlled substance or list-  
20 ed chemical will be unlawfully imported into the  
21 United States.”; and

22 (3) in subsection (d), as so redesignated—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at  
24 the end;

25 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-  
26 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(3) manufacture or distribute a tableting ma-  
3 chine, encapsulating machine, press punch, die sys-  
4 tem, gelatin capsule, or any equipment, chemical,  
5 product, or material—

6 “(A) intending or knowing that it will be  
7 used to manufacture a controlled substance or  
8 listed chemical; and

9 “(B) intending, knowing, or having reason-  
10 able cause to believe that the controlled sub-  
11 stance or listed chemical will be unlawfully im-  
12 ported into the United States.”.

13 (b) PROHIBITED ACTS.—Section 1010 of the Con-  
14 trolled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C.  
15 960) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (d)—

17 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “or” at  
18 the end;

19 (B) in paragraph (7)—

20 (i) by striking “section 959 of this  
21 title” and inserting “section 1009”; and

22 (ii) by striking the period at the end  
23 and inserting “; or”;

24 (C) by inserting after paragraph (7) the  
25 following:

1           “(8) manufactures or distributes a tableting  
2           machine, encapsulating machine, press punch, die  
3           system, gelatin capsule, or any equipment, chemical,  
4           product, or material in violation of subsection (c) of  
5           section 1009,”; and

6                   (D) in the matter following paragraph (8),  
7           as added by subparagraph (C) of this para-  
8           graph, by striking “shall be fined” and all that  
9           follows through “or both” and inserting the fol-  
10          lowing: “shall be fined in accordance with title  
11          18, United States Code, imprisoned for the ap-  
12          plicable period described in subsection (e), or  
13          both”; and

14          (2) by adding at the end the following:

15          “(e) The applicable period described in this sub-  
16          section is as follows:

17                  “(1) In the case of a violation of paragraph (1)  
18                  or (3) of subsection (d) involving a list I chemical,  
19                  not more than 20 years.

20                  “(2) Subject to paragraph (4), in the case of a  
21                  violation of paragraph (7) of subsection (d), not  
22                  more than 10 years.

23                  “(3) Subject to paragraph (4), in the case of a  
24                  violation of paragraph (8) of subsection (d), not  
25                  more than 8 years.

1           “(4) In the case of a violation of paragraph (7)  
2           or (8) of subsection (d) that involves more than  
3           1,000 kilograms of a chemical or product or more  
4           than 100 machines that are tableting machines or  
5           encapsulating machines, not more than 15 years.

6           “(5) In the case of a violation of subsection (d)  
7           other than a violation of paragraph (1), (3), (7), or  
8           (8) of such subsection, not more than 10 years.”.

9           (c) UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION.—  
10 Pursuant to its authority under section 994(p) of title 28,  
11 United States Code, the United States Sentencing Com-  
12 mission shall review and amend the Federal sentencing  
13 guidelines and policy statements of the Commission, as ap-  
14 propriate, in accordance with this Act and the amend-  
15 ments made by this Act.

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