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H. R. 2223

To direct the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to conduct a study on prescription drug take-back programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2007

Mr. PORTER (for himself and Mr. HELLER of Nevada) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAMS**

4 **STUDIES.**

5 (a) STUDY CONDUCTED BY DIRECTOR OF THE OF-
6 FICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY.—

1 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Director of the Of-
2 fice of National Drug Control Policy, in consultation
3 with the Attorney General and the Secretary of
4 Health and Human Services, shall conduct a study
5 on prescription drug disposal programs (in this Act
6 referred to as “take-back programs”) in which indi-
7 viduals return unused prescription drugs to phar-
8 macies or other locations.

9 (2) FOCUS OF STUDY.—The study required
10 under paragraph (1) shall focus on the following:

11 (A) The methodology, processes, tech-
12 nology, and best practices with respect to such
13 take-back programs.

14 (B) The affects of such take-back pro-
15 grams on pharmacies.

16 (C) Training and infrastructure needed to
17 ensure the success of such take-back programs.

18 (D) Identifying the number of individuals
19 that use current take-back programs.

20 (E) Identifying any changes to existing
21 laws that would allow for full, nationwide imple-
22 mentation of such take-back programs.

23 (F) Identifying the costs to pharmacies of
24 such take-back programs.

1 (G) Identifying methods by which prescrip-
2 tion drugs can be tracked after they are surren-
3 dered at pharmacies and other locations, and
4 ways in which the Federal government can en-
5 sure proper destruction.

6 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
8 of the Office of National Drug Control Policy shall
9 submit to Congress a report containing the fol-
10 lowing:

11 (A) The findings of the study required
12 under paragraph (1).

13 (B) Any recommendations with respect to
14 a nationwide take-back program.

15 (C) The findings and recommendations
16 submitted to the Director by the Administrator
17 of the Environmental Protection Agency under
18 subsection (b)(2).

19 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY.—

20 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Administrator of
21 the Environmental Protection Agency shall conduct
22 a study identifying the environmental impacts of
23 current prescription drug disposal programs and
24 methods.

1 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
3 trator shall submit to the Director of the Office of
4 National Drug Control Policy a report on the find-
5 ings of the study conducted under paragraph (1),
6 with such recommendations as the Administrator
7 considers appropriate.

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