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To establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes.

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Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. WALZ of Minnesota) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Methamphetamine
5 Production Prevention Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the manufacture, distribution and use of
2 methamphetamine have inflicted damages on individ-
3 uals, families, communities, businesses, the economy,
4 and the environment throughout the United States;

5 (2) methamphetamine is unique among illicit
6 drugs in that the harms relating to methamphet-
7 amine stem not only from its distribution and use,
8 but also from the manufacture of the drug by
9 “cooks” in clandestine labs throughout the United
10 States;

11 (3) Federal and State restrictions limiting the
12 sale of legal drug products that contain meth-
13 amphetamine precursors have reduced the number
14 and size of domestic methamphetamine labs;

15 (4) domestic methamphetamine cooks have
16 managed to circumvent restrictions on the sale of
17 methamphetamine precursors by “smurfing”, or pur-
18 chasing impermissibly large cumulative amounts of
19 precursor products by traveling from retailer to re-
20 tailer and buying permissible quantities at each re-
21 tailer;

22 (5) although Federal and State laws require re-
23 tailers of methamphetamine precursor products to
24 keep written or electronic logbooks recording sales of
25 precursor products, retailers are not always required

1 to transmit this logbook information to appropriate
2 law enforcement and regulatory agencies, except
3 upon request;

4 (6) when retailers' logbook information regard-
5 ing sales of methamphetamine precursor products is
6 kept in a database in an electronic format and
7 transmitted between retailers and appropriate law
8 enforcement and regulatory agencies, such informa-
9 tion can be used to further reduce the number of do-
10 mestic methamphetamine labs by preventing the sale
11 of methamphetamine precursors in excess of legal
12 limits, and by identifying and prosecuting "smurfs"
13 and others involved in methamphetamine manufac-
14 turing;

15 (7) States and local governments are already
16 beginning to develop such electronic logbook data-
17 base systems, but they are hindered by a lack of re-
18 sources;

19 (8) efforts by States and local governments to
20 develop such electronic logbook database systems
21 may also be hindered by logbook recordkeeping re-
22 quirements contained in section 310(e) of the Con-
23 trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 830(e)) that are
24 tailored to written logbooks and not to electronic
25 logbooks; and

1 (9) providing resources to States and localities
2 and making technical corrections to the Combat
3 Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 will allow
4 more rapid and widespread development of such
5 electronic logbook systems, thereby reducing the do-
6 mestic manufacture of methamphetamine and its as-
7 sociated harms.

8 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this Act—

10 (1) the term “local” means a county, city, town,
11 township, parish, village, or other general purpose
12 political subdivision of a State;

13 (2) the term “methamphetamine precursor elec-
14 tronic logbook system” means a system by which a
15 regulated seller electronically records and transmits
16 to an electronic database accessible to appropriate
17 law enforcement and regulatory agencies information
18 regarding the sale of a scheduled listed chemical
19 product that is required to be maintained under sec-
20 tion 310(e) of the Controlled Substances Act (21
21 U.S.C. 830(e)) (as amended by this Act), State law
22 governing the distribution of a scheduled listed
23 chemical product, or any other Federal, State, or
24 local law;

1 (3) the terms “regulated seller” and “scheduled
2 listed chemical product” have the meanings given
3 such terms in section 102 of the Controlled Sub-
4 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 802); and

5 (4) the term “State”—

6 (A) means a State of the United States,
7 the District of Columbia, and any common-
8 wealth, territory, or possession of the United
9 States; and

10 (B) includes an “Indian tribe”, as that
11 term is defined in section 102 of the Federally
12 Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25
13 U.S.C. 479a).

14 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION FOR EFFECTIVE METHAMPHET-**
15 **AMINE PRECURSOR ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK**
16 **SYSTEMS.**

17 Section 310(e)(1) of the Controlled Substances Act
18 (21 U.S.C. 830(e)(1)) is amended—

19 (1) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by striking “a
20 written or electronic list” and inserting “a written
21 list or an electronic list that complies with subpara-
22 graph (H)”; and

23 (2) adding at the end the following:

24 “(H) ELECTRONIC LOGBOOKS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A logbook main-
2 tained in electronic form shall include, for
3 each sale to which the requirement of sub-
4 paragraph (A)(iii) applies, the name of any
5 product sold, the quantity of that product
6 sold, the name and address of each pur-
7 chaser, the date and time of the sale, and
8 any other information required by State or
9 local law.

10 “(ii) SELLERS.—In complying with
11 the requirements of clause (i), a regulated
12 seller may—

13 “(I) ask a prospective purchaser
14 for the name and address, and enter
15 such information into the electronic
16 logbook, and if the seller enters the
17 name and address of the prospective
18 purchaser into the electronic logbook,
19 the seller shall determine that the
20 name entered into the electronic log-
21 book corresponds to the name pro-
22 vided on the identification presented
23 by the purchaser under subparagraph
24 (A)(iv)(I)(aa); and

1 “(II) use a software program
2 that automatically and accurately
3 records the date and time of each
4 sale.

5 “(iii) PURCHASERS.—A prospective
6 purchaser in a sale to which the require-
7 ment of subparagraph (A)(iii) applies that
8 is being documented in an electronic log-
9 book shall provide a signature in at least
10 one of the following ways:

11 “(I) Signing a device presented
12 by the seller that captures signatures
13 in an electronic format.

14 “(II) Signing a bound paper
15 book.

16 “(III) Signing a printed docu-
17 ment that corresponds to the elec-
18 tronically-captured logbook informa-
19 tion for such purchaser.

20 “(iv) ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES.—

21 “(I) DEVICE.—Any device used
22 under clause (iii)(I) shall—

23 “(aa) preserve each signa-
24 ture in a manner that clearly
25 links that signature to the other

1 electronically-captured logbook
2 information relating to the pro-
3 spective purchaser providing that
4 signature; and

5 “(bb) display information
6 that complies with subparagraph
7 (A)(v).

8 “(II) DOCUMENT RETENTION.—
9 A regulated seller that uses a device
10 under clause (iii)(I) to capture signa-
11 tures shall maintain each such signa-
12 ture for not less than 2 years after
13 the date on which that signature is
14 captured.

15 “(v) PAPER BOOKS.—

16 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Any bound
17 paper book used under clause (iii)(II)
18 shall—

19 “(aa) ensure that the signa-
20 ture of the prospective purchaser
21 is adjacent to a unique identifier
22 number or a printed sticker that
23 clearly links that signature to the
24 electronically-captured logbook

1 information relating to that pro-
2 spective purchaser; and

3 “(bb) display information
4 that complies with subparagraph
5 (A)(v).

6 “(II) DOCUMENT RETENTION.—
7 A regulated seller that uses bound
8 paper books under clause (iii)(II) shall
9 maintain any entry in such books for
10 not less than 2 years after the date on
11 which that entry is made.

12 “(vi) PRINTED DOCUMENTS.—

13 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Any printed
14 document used under clause (iii)(III)
15 shall—

16 “(aa) be printed by the sell-
17 er at the time of the sale that
18 document relates to;

19 “(bb) display information
20 that complies with subparagraph
21 (A)(v);

22 “(cc) for the relevant sale,
23 list the name of each product
24 sold, the quantity sold, the name
25 and address of the purchaser,

1 and the date and time of the
2 sale;

3 “(dd) contain a clearly iden-
4 tified signature line for a pur-
5 chaser to sign; and

6 “(ee) include a notice that
7 the signer has read the printed
8 information and agrees that it is
9 accurate.

10 “(II) DOCUMENT RETENTION.—

11 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—A reg-
12 ulated seller that uses printed
13 documents under clause (iii)(III)
14 shall maintain each such docu-
15 ment for not less than 2 years
16 after the date on which that doc-
17 ument is signed.

18 “(bb) SECURE STORAGE.—
19 Each signed document shall be
20 inserted into a binder or other
21 secure means of document stor-
22 age immediately after the pur-
23 chaser signs the document.”.

1 **SEC. 5. GRANTS FOR METHAMPHETAMINE PRECURSOR**
2 **ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK SYSTEMS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General of the
4 United States, through the Office of Justice Programs of
5 the Department of Justice, may make grants, in accord-
6 ance with such regulations as the Attorney General may
7 prescribe, to State and local governments to plan, develop,
8 implement, or enhance methamphetamine precursor elec-
9 tronic logbook systems.

10 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—A grant under this section
12 may be used to enable a methamphetamine pre-
13 cursor electronic logbook system to—

14 (A) indicate to a regulated seller, upon the
15 entry of information regarding a prospective
16 purchaser into the methamphetamine precursor
17 electronic logbook system, whether that pro-
18 spective purchaser has been determined by ap-
19 propriate law enforcement or regulatory agen-
20 cies to be eligible, ineligible, or potentially ineli-
21 gible to purchase a scheduled listed chemical
22 product under Federal, State, or local law; and

23 (B) provide contact information for a pro-
24 spective purchaser to use if the prospective pur-
25 chaser wishes to question a determination by
26 appropriate law enforcement or regulatory

1 agencies that the prospective purchaser is ineli-
2 gible or potentially ineligible to purchase a
3 scheduled listed chemical product.

4 (2) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—Any meth-
5 amphetamine precursor electronic logbook system
6 planned, developed, implemented, or enhanced with a
7 grant under this section shall prohibit accessing,
8 using, or sharing information entered into that sys-
9 tem for any purpose other than to—

10 (A) ensure compliance with this Act, sec-
11 tion 310(e) of the Controlled Substances Act
12 (21 U.S.C. 830(e)) (as amended by this Act),
13 State law governing the distribution of any
14 scheduled listed chemical product, or other ap-
15 plicable Federal, State, or local law; or

16 (B) facilitate a product recall to protect
17 public safety.

18 (c) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—

19 (1) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Attorney General
20 shall not award a grant under this section in an
21 amount that exceeds \$300,000.

22 (2) DURATION.—The period of a grant made
23 under this section shall not exceed 3 years.

24 (3) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Not less than
25 25 percent of the cost of a project for which a grant

1 is made under this section shall be provided by non-
2 Federal sources.

3 (4) PREFERENCE FOR GRANTS.—In awarding
4 grants under this section, the Attorney General shall
5 give priority to any grant application involving a
6 proposed or ongoing methamphetamine precursor
7 electronic logbook system that is—

8 (A) statewide in scope;

9 (B) capable of real-time capture and trans-
10 mission of logbook information to appropriate
11 law enforcement and regulatory agencies;

12 (C) designed in a manner that will facili-
13 tate the exchange of logbook information be-
14 tween appropriate law enforcement and regu-
15 latory agencies across jurisdictional boundaries,
16 including State boundaries; and

17 (D) developed and operated, to the extent
18 feasible, in consultation and ongoing coordina-
19 tion with the Drug Enforcement Administra-
20 tion, the Office of Justice Programs, the Office
21 of National Drug Control Policy, the non-profit
22 corporation described in section 1105 of the Of-
23 fice of National Drug Control Policy Reauthor-
24 ization Act of 2006 (21 U.S.C. 1701 note),
25 other Federal, State, and local law enforcement

1 and regulatory agencies, as appropriate, and
2 regulated sellers.

3 (5) ANNUAL REPORT.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Decem-
5 ber 31 of each calendar year in which funds
6 from a grant received under this section are ex-
7 pended, the Attorney General shall submit a re-
8 port to Congress containing—

9 (i) a summary of the activities carried
10 out with grant funds during that year;

11 (ii) an assessment of the effectiveness
12 of the activities described in clause (i) on
13 the planning, development, implementation
14 or enhancement of methamphetamine pre-
15 cursor electronic logbook systems;

16 (iii) an assessment of the effect of the
17 activities described in clause (i) on cur-
18 tailing the manufacturing of methamphet-
19 amine in the United States and the harms
20 associated with such manufacturing; and

21 (iv) a strategic plan for the year fol-
22 lowing the year of that report.

23 (B) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The At-
24 torney General may require the recipient of a
25 grant under this section to provide information

1 relevant to preparing any report under subpara-
2 graph (A) in a report that grant recipient is re-
3 quired to submit to the Office of Justice Pro-
4 grams of the Department of Justice.

5 **SEC. 6. STUDY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
7 date on which grant funds under section 5 are first distrib-
8 uted, the Comptroller General of the United States shall
9 conduct a study and submit to Congress a report regard-
10 ing the effectiveness of methamphetamine precursor elec-
11 tronic logbook systems that receive funding under that
12 section.

13 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under sub-
14 section (a) shall include—

15 (1) a summary of the activities carried out with
16 grant funds during the previous year;

17 (2) an assessment of the effectiveness of the ac-
18 tivities described in paragraph (1) on the planning,
19 development, implementation or enhancement of
20 methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook sys-
21 tems in the United States;

22 (3) an assessment of the extent to which pro-
23 posed or operational methamphetamine precursor
24 electronic logbook systems in the United States, in-

1 cluding those that receive funding under section 5,
2 are—

3 (A) statewide in scope;

4 (B) capable of real-time capture and trans-
5 mission of logbook information to appropriate
6 law enforcement and regulatory agencies;

7 (C) designed in a manner that will facili-
8 tate the exchange of logbook information be-
9 tween appropriate law enforcement and regu-
10 latory agencies across jurisdictional boundaries,
11 including State boundaries; and

12 (D) developed and operated, to the extent
13 feasible, upon consultation with and in ongoing
14 coordination with the Drug Enforcement Ad-
15 ministration, the Office of Justice Programs,
16 the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the
17 non-profit corporation described in section 1105
18 of the Office of National Drug Control Policy
19 Reauthorization Act of 2006 (21 U.S.C. 1701
20 note), other Federal, State, and local law en-
21 forcement and regulatory agencies, as appro-
22 priate, and regulated sellers;

23 (4) an assessment of the effect of methamphet-
24 amine precursor electronic logbook systems, includ-
25 ing those that receive funding under this Act, on

1 curtailing the manufacturing of methamphetamine
2 in the United States and reducing its associated
3 harms;

4 (5) recommendations for further curtailing the
5 domestic manufacturing of methamphetamine and
6 reducing its associated harms; and

7 (6) such other information as the Comptroller
8 General determines appropriate.

9 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
11 this Act—

12 (1) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

13 (2) such sums as may be necessary for each fis-
14 cal year thereafter.

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