

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4205

To amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 to increase public awareness about the dangers of synthetic drugs through the national youth anti-drug media campaign.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2012

Mr. CARSON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REYES, Ms. WATERS, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. WATT, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. EDWARDS) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Synthetics are Dan-
5 gerous Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF DANGERS OF**
2 **SYNTHETIC DRUGS THROUGH NATIONAL**
3 **YOUTH ANTI-DRUG MEDIA CAMPAIGN.**

4 Section 709 of the Office of National Drug Control
5 Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1708) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by inserting “and syn-
8 thetic drug use” after “illegal drug use”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(m) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

12 “(1) DRUG.—The term ‘drug’ has the meaning
13 given such term in section 702(3) and includes a
14 synthetic drug.

15 “(2) SYNTHETIC DRUG.—The term ‘synthetic
16 drug’ means an artificially produced substance that,
17 as determined by the Director, is an analog or deriv-
18 ative of a controlled substance (as defined in section
19 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.
20 802(6)), but is not itself a controlled substance.”.

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