

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4408

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to establish additional registration requirements for prescribers of opioids, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2017

Mr. KATKO (for himself and Mr. SUOZZI) 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

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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 “Opioid Addiction Pre-  
5 vention Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIBERS.**

2 Section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
3 U.S.C. 823) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “(k)(1) The Attorney General shall not register, or  
6 renew the registration of, a practitioner under subsection  
7 (f) who is licensed under State law to prescribe controlled  
8 substances in schedule II, III, or IV, unless the practi-  
9 tioner submits to the Attorney General, for each such reg-  
10 istration or renewal request, a certification that the practi-  
11 tioner, during the applicable registration period, will not  
12 prescribe any schedule II, III, or IV opioid, other than  
13 an opioid prescription described in paragraph (3), for the  
14 initial treatment of acute pain in an amount in excess of  
15 the lesser of—

16 “(A) a 7-day supply (for which no refill is avail-  
17 able); or

18 “(B) an opioid prescription limit established  
19 under State law.

20 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘acute pain’—

21 “(A) means pain with abrupt onset and caused  
22 by an injury or other process that is not ongoing;  
23 and

24 “(B) does not include—

25 “(i) chronic pain;

1                   “(ii) pain being treated as part of cancer  
2                   care;

3                   “(iii) hospice or other end-of-life care; or

4                   “(iv) pain being treated as part of pallia-  
5                   tive care.

6           “(3) An opioid prescription described in this para-  
7 graph is a prescription—

8                   “(A) for a schedule II, III, or IV opioid drug  
9                   approved by the Food and Drug Administration for  
10                  an indication for the treatment of addiction; and

11                  “(B) that is for the treatment of addiction.”.

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