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H. R. 1614

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2019

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

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 “John S. McCain Opioid
5 Addiction Prevention Act”.

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

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

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

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

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

25 “(B) does not include—

26 “(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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