

117TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 4315

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2022

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. HAGERTY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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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 “Protecting America  
5 from Narcotics and Illicit Chemicals Act of 2022” or the  
6 “PANIC Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFIED DEFINITION OF MAJOR ILLICIT DRUG**  
2 **PRODUCING COUNTRY.**

3 Section 481(e)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of  
4 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291(e)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; or” and  
6 inserting a semicolon;

7 (2) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “or”  
8 after the semicolon; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10 paragraph:

11 “(E) that is a direct source of covered syn-  
12 thetic drugs or psychotropic drugs or other con-  
13 trolled substances, including precursor chemi-  
14 cals, when those precursor chemicals are used  
15 in the production of such drugs and substances,  
16 significantly affecting the United States;”.

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