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To direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to update the policy of the Coast Guard regarding the use of medication to treat drug overdose, and for other purposes.

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Mr. McDOWELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to update the policy of the Coast Guard regarding the use of medication to treat drug overdose, 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. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ONBOARD VESSELS.**

4 Section 70503(a) of title 46, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
7 striking “While on board a covered vessel, an” and
8 inserting “An”;

9 (2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(1) manufacture or distribute, possess with in-
12 tent to manufacture or distribute, or place or cause
13 to be placed with intent to manufacture or distribute
14 a controlled substance on board a covered vessel;”;

15 (3) in paragraph (2) by inserting “on board a
16 covered vessel” before the semicolon; and

17 (4) in paragraph (3) by inserting “while on
18 board a covered vessel” after “such individual”.

19 **SEC. 2. POLICY AND BRIEFING ON AVAILABILITY OF**
20 **NALOXONE TO TREAT OPIOID OVERDOSES.**

21 (a) POLICY.—Not later than 1 year after the date
22 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast
23 Guard shall update the policy of the Coast Guard regard-
24 ing the use of medication to treat drug overdoses, includ-

1 ing the use of naloxone or other similar medication to treat
2 opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses.

3 (b) AVAILABILITY.—The updated policy required
4 under subsection (a) shall require naloxone or other simi-
5 lar medication be available for members of the Coast
6 Guard—

7 (1) on all Coast Guard installations; and

8 (2) in each operational environment.

9 (c) PARTICIPATION IN TRACKING SYSTEM.—Not
10 later than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment
11 of this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-
12 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-
13 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)
14 is established, the Commandant shall ensure the partici-
15 tion of the Coast Guard in the such tracking system.

16 (d) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later
17 than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment of
18 this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-
19 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-
20 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)
21 is established, the Secretary of the department in which
22 the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a
23 service in the Navy and the Secretary of Defense shall fi-
24 nalize a memorandum of understanding to facilitate Coast
25 Guard access such tracking system.

1 (e) BRIEFING.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
4 shall provide the Committee on Transportation and
5 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
6 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
7 portation of the Senate a briefing on the use, by
8 members and personnel of the Coast Guard at Coast
9 Guard facilities, onboard Coast Guard assets, and
10 during Coast Guard operations, of—

11 (A) naloxone or other similar medication to
12 treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses; and

13 (B) opioids, including fentanyl.

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under
15 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

16 (A) A description of—

17 (i) the progress made in the imple-
18 mentation of the updated policy required
19 under subsection (a);

20 (ii) the prevalence and incidence of
21 the illegal use of fentanyl and other con-
22 trolled substances in the Coast Guard dur-
23 ing the 5-year period preceding the brief-
24 ing;

1 (iii) processes of the Coast Guard to
2 mitigate substance abuse in the Coast
3 Guard, particularly with respect to
4 fentanyl; and

5 (iv) the status of the memorandum of
6 understanding required under subsection
7 (d).

8 (B) For the 5-year period preceding the
9 briefing, a review of instances in which
10 naloxone or other similar medication was used
11 to treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses at
12 a Coast Guard facility, onboard a Coast Guard
13 asset, or during a Coast Guard operation.

14 (f) PRIVACY.—In carrying out the requirements of
15 this section, the Commandant shall ensure compliance
16 with all applicable privacy law, including section 552a of
17 title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the
18 “Privacy Act”), and the privacy regulations promulgated
19 under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability
20 and Accountability Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note).

21 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of the
22 availability requirement under subsection (b), with respect
23 to a Coast Guard installation comprised of multiple Coast
24 Guard facilities or units, naloxone or other similar medica-
25 tion available at a single Coast Guard facility within the

1 installation shall be considered to be available to all Coast
2 Guard facilities or units on the installation if appropriate
3 arrangements are in place to ensure access, at all times
4 during operations, to the naloxone or other similar medica-
5 tion contained within such single Coast Guard facility.