

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2142
OFFERED BY MR. FITZPATRICK OF
PENNSYLVANIA

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “International Narcotics
3 Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming
4 Contraband with Technology Act” or the “INTERDICT
5 Act”.

6 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

7 In this Act:

8 (1) CHEMICAL SCREENING DEVICE.—The term
9 “chemical screening device” means an immunoassay,
10 narcotics field test kit, infrared spectrophotometer,
11 mass spectrometer, nuclear magnetic resonance
12 spectrometer, Raman spectrophotometer, or other
13 scientific instrumentation able to collect data that
14 can be interpreted to determine the presence of
15 fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics
16 and psychoactive substances.

1 (2) COMMISSIONER.—The term “Commis-
2 sioner” means the Commissioner of U.S. Customs
3 and Border Protection.

4 (3) EXPRESS CONSIGNMENT OPERATOR OR CAR-
5 RIER.—The term “express consignment operator or
6 carrier” has the meaning given that term in section
7 128.1 of title 19, Code of Federal Regulations (or
8 any similar successor regulation).

9 **SEC. 3. INTERDICTION OF FENTANYL, OTHER SYNTHETIC**
10 **OPIOIDS, AND OTHER NARCOTICS AND**
11 **PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES.**

12 (a) CHEMICAL SCREENING DEVICES.—The Commis-
13 sioner shall—

14 (1) increase the number of chemical screening
15 devices available to U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
16 tection officers over the number of such devices that
17 are available on the date of the enactment of this
18 Act; and

19 (2) make such additional chemical screening de-
20 vices available to U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
21 tion officers as the Commissioner determines are
22 necessary to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic
23 opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive sub-
24 stances that are illegally imported into the United
25 States, including such substances that are imported

1 through the mail or by an express consignment oper-
2 ator or carrier.

3 (b) **PERSONNEL TO INTERPRET DATA.**—The Com-
4 missioner shall dedicate the appropriate number of U.S.
5 Customs and Border Protection personnel, including sci-
6 entists, so that such personnel are available during all
7 operational hours to interpret data collected by chemical
8 screening devices.

9 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Com-
11 missioner \$9,000,000 to ensure that U.S. Customs and
12 Border Protection has resources, including chemical
13 screening devices, personnel, and scientists, available dur-
14 ing all operational hours to prevent, detect, and interdict
15 the unlawful importation of fentanyl, other synthetic
16 opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances.

