

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 639
OFFERED BY MR. PITTS 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 “Improving Regulatory
3 Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act”.

4 SEC. 2. SCHEDULING OF SUBSTANCES INCLUDED IN NEW
5 FDA-APPROVED DRUGS.

6 Section 201 of the Controlled Substances Act (21
7 U.S.C. 811) is amended by inserting after subsection (h)
8 the following:

9 “(i) Within 45 days of receiving a recommendation
10 from the Secretary to add a drug or substance that has
11 never been marketed in the United States to a schedule
12 under this title, the Attorney General shall, without regard
13 to the findings required by subsection (a) of this section
14 or section 202(b), issue an interim final rule, under the
15 exception for good cause described in subparagraph (B)
16 of section 553(b) of title 5, United States Code, placing
17 the drug or substance into the schedule recommended by
18 the Secretary. The interim final rule shall be made imme-

1 diately effective under section 553(d)(3) of title 5, United
2 States Code.”.

3 **SEC. 3. ENHANCING NEW DRUG DEVELOPMENT.**

4 Section 302 of the Controlled Substances Act (21
5 U.S.C. 822) is amended by inserting after subsection (g)
6 the following:

7 “(h)(1) A person who submits an application for reg-
8 istration to manufacture or distribute a controlled sub-
9 stance in accordance with this section may indicate on the
10 registration application that the substance will be used
11 only in connection with clinical trials of a drug in accord-
12 ance with section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and
13 Cosmetic Act.

14 “(2) When an application for registration to manu-
15 facture or distribute a controlled substance includes an in-
16 dication that the controlled substance will be used only
17 in connection with clinical trials of a drug in accordance
18 with section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
19 metic Act, the Attorney General shall—

20 “(A) make a final decision on the application
21 for registration within 180 days; or

22 “(B) provide notice to the applicant in writing
23 of—

1 “(i) the outstanding issues that must be
2 resolved in order to reach a final decision on
3 the application; and

4 “(ii) the estimated date on which a final
5 decision on the application will be made.”.

