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To amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify how controlled substance analogues are to be regulated, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KATKO (for himself, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. GOODLATTE, and Mr. GOWDY) 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

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A BILL

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify how controlled substance analogues are to be regulated, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Stop the Importation*
5 *and Trafficking of Synthetic Analogues Act of 2017” or the*
6 *“SITSA Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHEDULE A.**

8 *Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21*
9 *U.S.C. 812) is amended—*

10 *(1) in subsection (a), by striking “five schedules*
11 *of controlled substances, to be known as schedules I,*
12 *II, III, IV, and V” and inserting “six schedules of*
13 *controlled substances, to be known as schedules I, II,*
14 *III, IV, V, and A”;*

15 *(2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the*
16 *following:*

17 *“(6) SCHEDULE A.—*

18 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—The drug or substance—*

19 *“(i) has—*

20 *“(I) a chemical structure that is sub-*
21 *stantially similar to the chemical structure*
22 *of a controlled substance in schedule I, II,*
23 *III, IV, or V; and*

24 *“(II) an actual or predicted stimulant,*
25 *depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the*

1 *central nervous system that is substantially*
2 *similar to or greater than the stimulant, de-*
3 *pressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the cen-*
4 *tral nervous system of a controlled sub-*
5 *stance in schedule I, II, III, IV, or V; and*
6 “(i) is not—

7 “(I) listed or otherwise included in any
8 other schedule in this section or by regula-
9 tion of the Attorney General; and

10 “(II) with respect to a particular per-
11 son, subject to an exemption that is in effect
12 for investigational use, for that person,
13 under section 505 of the Federal Food,
14 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) to
15 the extent conduct with respect to such sub-
16 stance is pursuant to such exemption.

17 “(B) *PREDICTED STIMULANT, DEPRESSANT, OR*
18 *HALLUCINOGENIC EFFECT.*—For purpose of this para-
19 graph, a predicted stimulant, depressant, or hallu-
20 cinogenic effect on the central nervous system may be
21 based on—

22 “(i) the chemical structure, structure activ-
23 ity relationships, binding receptor assays, or
24 other relevant scientific information about the
25 substance;

1 “(ii)(I) the current or relative potential for
2 abuse of the substance; and

3 “(II) the clandestine importation, manufac-
4 ture, or distribution, or diversion from legiti-
5 mate channels, of the substance; or

6 “(iii) the capacity of the substance to cause
7 a state of dependence, including physical or psy-
8 chological dependence that is similar to or great-
9 er than that of a controlled substance in schedule
10 I, II, III, IV, or V.”; and

11 (3) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) in the matter preceding schedule I, by
13 striking “IV, and V” and inserting “IV, V, and
14 A”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following:

16 “SCHEDULE A

17 “(a) Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in an-
18 other schedule, any of the following substances, as scheduled
19 in accordance with section 201(k)(5):

20 “(1) 4-fluoroisobutyryl fentanyl.

21 “(2) Valeryl fentanyl.

22 “(3) 4-methoxybutyryl fentanyl.

23 “(4) 4-methylphenethyl acetyl fentanyl.

24 “(5) 3-furanyl fentanyl.

25 “(6) Ortho-fluorofentanyl.

26 “(7) Tetrahydrofuranyl fentanyl.

- 1 “(8) *Ocfentanil*.
- 2 “(9) *4-fluorobutyryl fentanyl*.
- 3 “(10) *Methoxyacetyl fentanyl*.
- 4 “(11) *Meta-fluorofentanyl*.
- 5 “(12) *Isobutyryl fentanyl*.
- 6 “(13) *Acryl fentanyl*.”.

7 **SEC. 3. TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT SCHEDULING OF**
8 **SCHEDULE A SUBSTANCES.**

9 *Section 201 of the Controlled Substances Act (21*
10 *U.S.C. 811) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

11 “(k) *TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT SCHEDULING OF*
12 *SCHEDULE A SUBSTANCES.—*

13 “(1) *The Attorney General may issue a tem-*
14 *porary order adding a drug or substance to schedule*
15 *A if the Attorney General finds that—*

16 “(A) *the drug or other substance satisfies*
17 *the criteria for being considered a schedule A*
18 *substance; and*

19 “(B) *adding such drug or substance to*
20 *schedule A will assist in preventing abuse or*
21 *misuse of the drug or other substance.*

22 “(2) *A temporary scheduling order issued under*
23 *paragraph (1) shall not take effect until 30 days after*
24 *the date of the publication by the Attorney General of*
25 *a notice in the Federal Register of the intention to*

1 *issue such order and the grounds upon which such*
2 *order is to be issued. The temporary scheduling order*
3 *shall expire not later than 5 years after the date it*
4 *becomes effective, except that the Attorney General*
5 *may, during the pendency of proceedings under para-*
6 *graph (5), extend the temporary scheduling order for*
7 *up to 180 days.*

8 *“(3) A temporary scheduling order issued under*
9 *paragraph (1) shall be vacated upon the issuance of*
10 *a permanent order issued under paragraph (5) with*
11 *regard to the same substance, or upon the subsequent*
12 *issuance of any scheduling order under this section.*

13 *“(4) A temporary scheduling order issued under*
14 *paragraph (1) shall not be subject to judicial review.*

15 *“(5) The Attorney General may, by rule, issue a*
16 *permanent order adding a drug or other substance to*
17 *schedule A if such drug or substance satisfies the cri-*
18 *teria for being considered a schedule A substance.*
19 *Such rulemaking may be commenced simultaneously*
20 *with the issuance of the temporary scheduling order*
21 *issued under paragraph (1) with regard to the same*
22 *substance.*

23 *“(6) Before initiating proceedings under para-*
24 *graph (1) or (5), the Attorney General shall transmit*
25 *notice of an order proposed to be issued to the Sec-*

1 *retary of Health and Human Services. In issuing an*
2 *order under paragraph (1) or (5), the Attorney Gen-*
3 *eral shall take into consideration any comments sub-*
4 *mitted by the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-*
5 *ices in response to a notice transmitted pursuant to*
6 *this paragraph.*

7 *“(7) On the date of the publication of a notice*
8 *in the Federal Register pursuant to paragraph (2),*
9 *the Attorney General shall transmit the same notice*
10 *to Congress. The temporary scheduling order shall*
11 *take effect according to paragraph (2), except that the*
12 *temporary scheduling order may be disapproved by*
13 *Act of Congress within 180 days from the date of pub-*
14 *lication of the notice in the Federal Register.”.*

15 **SEC. 4. PENALTIES.**

16 *(a) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.—The Controlled*
17 *Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amended—*

18 *(1) in section 401(b)(1) (21 U.S.C. 841(b)(1)),*
19 *by adding at the end the following:*

20 *“(F)(i) In the case of any controlled substance in*
21 *schedule A, such person shall be sentenced to a term of im-*
22 *prisonment of not more than 10 years and if death or seri-*
23 *ous bodily injury results from the use of such substance shall*
24 *be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than*
25 *15 years, a fine not to exceed the greater of that authorized*

1 *in accordance with the provisions of title 18, United States*
2 *Code, or \$500,000 if the defendant is an individual or*
3 *\$2,500,000 if the defendant is other than an individual, or*
4 *both.*

5 “(ii) *If any person commits such a violation after a*
6 *prior conviction for a felony drug offense has become final,*
7 *such person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment*
8 *of not more than 20 years and if death or serious bodily*
9 *injury results from the use of such substance shall be sen-*
10 *tenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than 30 years,*
11 *a fine not to exceed the greater of twice that authorized in*
12 *accordance with the provisions of title 18, United States*
13 *Code, or \$1,000,000 if the defendant is an individual or*
14 *\$5,000,000 if the defendant is other than an individual, or*
15 *both.*

16 “(iii) *Any sentence imposing a term of imprisonment*
17 *under this subparagraph shall, in the absence of such a*
18 *prior conviction, impose a term of supervised release of not*
19 *less than 2 years in addition to such term of imprisonment*
20 *and shall, if there was such a prior conviction, impose a*
21 *term of supervised release of not less than 4 years in addi-*
22 *tion to such term of imprisonment.”;*

23 (2) *in section 403(a) (21 U.S.C. 843(a))—*

24 (A) *in paragraph (8), by striking “or” at*
25 *the end;*

1 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking the period
2 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

3 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(10) to export a substance in violation of the
6 controlled substance laws of the country to which the
7 substance is exported.”; and

8 (3) in section 404 (21 U.S.C. 844), by inserting
9 after subsection (a) the following:

10 “(b) A person shall not be subject to a criminal or civil
11 penalty under this title or under any other Federal law sole-
12 ly for possession of a schedule A controlled substance.”.

13 (b) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IMPORT AND EXPORT
14 ACT.—Section 1010(b) of the Controlled Substances Import
15 and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 960(b)) is amended by adding
16 at the end the following:

17 “(8) In the case of a violation under subsection (a)
18 involving a controlled substance in schedule A, the person
19 committing such violation shall be sentenced to a term of
20 imprisonment of not more than 20 years and if death or
21 serious bodily injury results from the use of such substance
22 shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more
23 than life, a fine not to exceed the greater of that authorized
24 in accordance with the provisions of title 18, United States
25 Code, or \$1,000,000 if the defendant is an individual or

1 \$5,000,000 if the defendant is other than an individual, or
2 both. If any person commits such a violation after a prior
3 conviction for a felony drug offense has become final, such
4 person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not
5 more than 30 years and if death or serious bodily injury
6 results from the use of such substance shall be sentenced to
7 not more than life imprisonment, a fine not to exceed the
8 greater of twice that authorized in accordance with the pro-
9 visions of title 18, United States Code, or \$2,000,000 if the
10 defendant is an individual or \$10,000,000 if the defendant
11 is other than an individual, or both. Notwithstanding sec-
12 tion 3583 of title 18, United States Code, any sentence im-
13 posing a term of imprisonment under this paragraph shall,
14 in the absence of such a prior conviction, impose a term
15 of supervised release of not less than 3 years in addition
16 to such term of imprisonment and shall, if there was such
17 a prior conviction, impose a term of supervised release of
18 not less than 6 years in addition to such term of imprison-
19 ment. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, and notwith-
20 standing any other provision of law, the court shall not
21 place on probation or suspend the sentence of any person
22 sentenced under the provisions of this paragraph which pro-
23 vide for a mandatory term of imprisonment if death or seri-
24 ous bodily injury results.”

1 **SEC. 5. FALSE LABELING OF SCHEDULE A CONTROLLED**
2 **SUBSTANCES.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 305 of the Controlled Sub-
4 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 825) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(f) *FALSE LABELING OF SCHEDULE A CONTROLLED*
7 *SUBSTANCES.*—

8 “(1) *It shall be unlawful to import, export, man-*
9 *ufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess with intent to*
10 *manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a schedule A*
11 *substance or product containing a schedule A sub-*
12 *stance, unless the substance or product bears a label*
13 *clearly identifying a schedule A substance or product*
14 *containing a schedule A substance by the nomen-*
15 *clature used by the International Union of Pure and*
16 *Applied Chemistry (IUPAC).*

17 “(2)(A) *A product described in subparagraph*
18 *(B) is exempt from the International Union of Pure*
19 *and Applied Chemistry nomenclature requirement of*
20 *this subsection if such product is labeled in the man-*
21 *ner required under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-*
22 *metic Act.*

23 “(B) *A product is described in this subpara-*
24 *graph if the product—*

1 “(i) is the subject of an approved applica-
2 tion as described in section 505(b) or (j) of the
3 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; or

4 “(ii) is exempt from the provisions of sec-
5 tion 505 of such Act relating to new drugs be-
6 cause—

7 “(I) it is intended solely for investiga-
8 tional use as described in section 505(i) of
9 such Act; and

10 “(II) such product is being used exclu-
11 sively for purposes of a clinical trial that is
12 the subject of an effective investigational
13 new drug application.”.

14 (b) *PENALTIES.*—Section 402 of the Controlled Sub-
15 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 842) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(16), by inserting “or sub-
17 section (f)” after “subsection (e)”; and

18 (2) in subsection (c)(1)(D), by inserting “or a
19 schedule A substance” after “anabolic steroid”.

20 **SEC. 6. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HANDLERS OF**
21 **SCHEDULE A SUBSTANCES.**

22 (a) *CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.*—Section 303 of
23 the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823) is amended
24 by adding at the end the following:

1 “(k)(1) *The Attorney General shall register an appli-*
2 *cant to manufacture schedule A substances if—*

3 “(A) *the applicant demonstrates that the sched-*
4 *ule A substances will be used for research, analytical,*
5 *or industrial purposes approved by the Attorney Gen-*
6 *eral; and*

7 “(B) *the Attorney General determines that such*
8 *registration is consistent with the public interest and*
9 *with the United States obligations under inter-*
10 *national treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on*
11 *the date of enactment of this subsection.*

12 “(2) *In determining the public interest under para-*
13 *graph (1)(B), the Attorney General shall consider—*

14 “(A) *maintenance of effective controls against di-*
15 *version of particular controlled substances and any*
16 *controlled substance in schedule A compounded there-*
17 *from into other than legitimate medical, scientific, re-*
18 *search, or industrial channels, by limiting the impor-*
19 *tation and bulk manufacture of such controlled sub-*
20 *stances to a number of establishments which can*
21 *produce an adequate and uninterrupted supply of*
22 *these substances under adequately competitive condi-*
23 *tions for legitimate medical, scientific, research, and*
24 *industrial purposes;*

1 “(B) *compliance with applicable State and local*
2 *law;*

3 “(C) *promotion of technical advances in the art*
4 *of manufacturing substances described in subpara-*
5 *graph (A) and the development of new substances;*

6 “(D) *prior conviction record of applicant under*
7 *Federal and State laws relating to the manufacture,*
8 *distribution, or dispensing of substances described in*
9 *paragraph (A);*

10 “(E) *past experience in the manufacture of con-*
11 *trolled substances, and the existence in the establish-*
12 *ment of effective control against diversion; and*

13 “(F) *such other factors as may be relevant to*
14 *and consistent with the public health and safety.*

15 “(3) *If an applicant is registered to manufacture con-*
16 *trolled substances in schedule I or II under subsection (a),*
17 *the applicant shall not be required to apply for a separate*
18 *registration under this subsection.*

19 “(l)(1) *The Attorney General shall register an appli-*
20 *cant to distribute schedule A substances—*

21 “(A) *if the applicant demonstrates that the*
22 *schedule A substances will be used for research, ana-*
23 *lytical, or industrial purposes approved by the Attor-*
24 *ney General; and*

1 “(B) unless the Attorney General determines that
2 the issuance of such registration is inconsistent with
3 the public interest.

4 “(2) In determining the public interest under para-
5 graph (1)(B), the Attorney General shall consider—

6 “(A) maintenance of effective control against di-
7 version of particular controlled substances into other
8 than legitimate medical, scientific, and industrial
9 channels;

10 “(B) compliance with applicable State and local
11 law;

12 “(C) prior conviction record of applicant under
13 Federal or State laws relating to the manufacture,
14 distribution, or dispensing of substances described in
15 subparagraph (A);

16 “(D) past experience in the distribution of con-
17 trolled substances; and

18 “(E) such other factors as may be relevant to
19 and consistent with the public health and safety.

20 “(3) If an applicant is registered to distribute a con-
21 trolled substance in schedule I or II under subsection (b),
22 the applicant shall not be required to apply for a separate
23 registration under this subsection.

24 “(m)(1) Not later than 90 days after the date on which
25 a substance is placed in schedule A, any practitioner who

1 *was engaged in research on the substance before the place-*
2 *ment of the substance in schedule A and any manufacturer*
3 *or distributor who was handling the substance before the*
4 *placement of the substance in schedule A shall register with*
5 *the Attorney General.*

6 “(2)(A) *Not later than 60 days after the date on which*
7 *the Attorney General receives an application for registra-*
8 *tion to conduct research on a schedule A substance, the At-*
9 *torney General shall—*

10 “(i) *grant, or initiate proceedings under section*
11 *304(c) to deny, the application; or*

12 “(ii) *request supplemental information from the*
13 *applicant.*

14 “(B) *Not later than 30 days after the date on which*
15 *the Attorney General receives supplemental information re-*
16 *quested under subparagraph (A)(ii) in connection with an*
17 *application described in subparagraph (A), the Attorney*
18 *General shall grant or deny the application.*

19 “(n)(1) *The Attorney General shall register a scientific*
20 *investigator or a qualified research institution to conduct*
21 *research with controlled substances in schedule A in accord-*
22 *ance with this subsection. In evaluating applications for*
23 *such registration, the Attorney General shall apply the cri-*
24 *teria set forth in subsection (f) of this section that apply*
25 *to practitioners seeking a registration to conduct research*

1 *with a schedule I controlled substance, except that the appli-*
2 *cant shall not be required to submit a research protocol.*

3 “(2) *If the applicant is not currently registered under*
4 *subsection (f) to conduct research with a schedule I con-*
5 *trolled substance, the Attorney General shall refer the appli-*
6 *cation to the Secretary, who shall determine whether the*
7 *applicant will be engaged in bona fide research and is*
8 *qualified to conduct such research.*

9 “(3) *If the applicant is currently registered under sub-*
10 *section (f) to conduct research with a schedule I controlled*
11 *substance, the applicant will be considered qualified to con-*
12 *duct research with controlled substances in schedule A and*
13 *the Attorney General shall modify the applicant’s registra-*
14 *tion to include schedule A controlled substances in accord-*
15 *ance with this paragraph. The applicant shall notify the*
16 *Attorney General of his intent to conduct research with a*
17 *controlled substance in schedule A. Upon receiving such no-*
18 *tification, the Attorney General shall modify the practi-*
19 *tioner’s existing registration to authorize research with*
20 *schedule A controlled substances, unless the Attorney Gen-*
21 *eral determines that the registration modification would be*
22 *inconsistent with the public interest based on the criteria*
23 *of subsection (f).*

24 “(4) *Registrations issued under this subsection to a*
25 *qualified research institution will apply to all agents and*

1 *employees of that institution acting within the scope of their*
2 *professional practice.*

3 “(5) *At least thirty days prior to conducting any re-*
4 *search with a controlled substance in schedule A, the reg-*
5 *istrant shall provide the Attorney General with written no-*
6 *tification of the following:*

7 “(A) *The name of and drug code for each sub-*
8 *stance.*

9 “(B) *The name of each individual with access to*
10 *each substance.*

11 “(C) *The amount of each substance.*

12 “(D) *Other similar information the Attorney*
13 *General may require.*

14 “(6) *The quantity of a schedule A controlled substance*
15 *possessed by a person registered under this subsection shall*
16 *be appropriate for the research being conducted, subject to*
17 *the additional limitations set forth in this paragraph. To*
18 *reduce the risk of diversion, the Attorney General may es-*
19 *tablish limitations on the quantity of schedule A controlled*
20 *substances that may be manufactured or possessed for pur-*
21 *poses of research under this subsection and shall publish*
22 *such limitations on the website of the Drug Enforcement*
23 *Administration. A person registered under this subsection*
24 *may, based on legitimate research needs, apply to the Attor-*
25 *ney General to manufacture or possess an amount greater*

1 *than that so specified by the Attorney General. The Attor-*
2 *ney General shall specify the manner in which such appli-*
3 *cations shall be submitted. The Attorney General shall act*
4 *on an application filed under this subparagraph within 30*
5 *days of receipt of such application. If the Attorney General*
6 *fails to act within 30 days, the registrant shall be allowed*
7 *to manufacture and possess up to the amount requested. The*
8 *Attorney General shall have the authority to reverse the in-*
9 *crease for cause.*

10 “(7) *The Attorney General shall by regulation specify*
11 *the manner in which applications for registration under*
12 *this subsection shall be submitted.*”

13 “(8) *Registrants authorized under this subsection may*
14 *manufacture and possess schedule A controlled substances*
15 *up to the approved amounts only for use in their own re-*
16 *search setting or institution. Manufacturing for use in any*
17 *other setting or institution shall require a manufacturer’s*
18 *registration under section 303(a).”*

19 **(b) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IMPORT AND EXPORT**
20 *ACT.—Section 1008 of the Controlled Substances Import*
21 *and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 958) is amended by adding at*
22 *the end the following:*

23 “(j)(1) *The Attorney General shall register an appli-*
24 *cant to import or export a schedule A substance if—*

1 “(A) *the applicant demonstrates that the sched-*
2 *ule A substances will be used for research, analytical,*
3 *or industrial purposes approved by the Attorney Gen-*
4 *eral; and*

5 “(B) *the Attorney General determines that such*
6 *registration is consistent with the public interest and*
7 *with the United States obligations under inter-*
8 *national treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on*
9 *the date of enactment of this subsection.*

10 “(2) *In determining the public interest under para-*
11 *graph (1)(B), the Attorney General shall consider the fac-*
12 *tors described in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of section*
13 *303(k)(2).*

14 “(3) *If an applicant is registered to import or export*
15 *a controlled substance in schedule I or II under subsection*
16 *(a), the applicant shall not be required to apply for a sepa-*
17 *rate registration under this subsection.”.*

18 **SEC. 7. ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

19 (a) *CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.—The Controlled*
20 *Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amended—*

21 (1) *in section 303(c) (21 U.S.C. 823(c))—*

22 (A) *by striking “subsections (a) and (b)”*
23 *and inserting “subsection (a), (b), (k), or (l)”;*
24 *and*

1 (B) by striking “schedule I or II” and in-
2 serting “schedule I, II, or A”;

3 (2) in section 306 (21 U.S.C. 826)—

4 (A) in subsection (a), in the first sentence,
5 by striking “schedules I and II” and inserting
6 “schedules I, II, and A”;

7 (B) in subsection (b), in the second sentence,
8 by striking “schedule I or II” and inserting
9 “schedule I, II, or A”;

10 (C) in subsection (c), in the first sentence,
11 by striking “schedules I and II” and inserting
12 “schedules I, II, and A”;

13 (D) in subsection (d), in the first sentence,
14 by striking “schedule I or II” and inserting
15 “schedule I, II, or A”;

16 (E) in subsection (e), in the first sentence,
17 by striking “schedule I or II” and inserting
18 “schedule I, II, or A”; and

19 (F) in subsection (f), in the first sentence,
20 by striking “schedules I and II” and inserting
21 “schedules I, II, and A”;

22 (3) in section 308(a) (21 U.S.C. 828(a)), by
23 striking “schedule I or II” and inserting “schedule I,
24 II, or A”;

1 (4) in section 402(b) (21 U.S.C. 842(b)), in the
2 matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “schedule
3 I or II” and inserting “schedule I, II, or A”;

4 (5) in section 403(a)(1) (21 U.S.C. 843(a)(1)),
5 by striking “schedule I or II” and inserting “schedule
6 I, II, or A”; and

7 (6) in section 511(f) (21 U.S.C. 881(f)), by strik-
8 ing “schedule I or II” each place it appears and in-
9 serting “schedule I, II, or A”.

10 (b) *CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IMPORT EXPORT*
11 *ACT.*—*The Controlled Substances Import and Export Act*
12 *(21 U.S.C. 951 et seq.) is amended—*

13 (1) in section 1002(a) (21 U.S.C. 952(a))—

14 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
15 by striking “schedule I or II” and inserting
16 “schedule I, II, or A”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “schedule
18 I or II” and inserting “schedule I, II, or A”;

19 (2) in section 1003 (21 U.S.C. 953)—

20 (A) in subsection (c), in the matter pre-
21 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “schedule I or
22 II” and inserting “schedule I, II, or A”; and

23 (B) in subsection (d), by striking “schedule
24 I or II” and inserting “schedule I, II, or A”;

1 (3) in section 1004(1) (21 U.S.C. 954(1)), by
2 striking “schedule I” and inserting “schedule I or A”;

3 (4) in section 1005 (21 U.S.C. 955), by striking
4 “schedule I or II” and inserting “schedule I, II, or
5 A”; and

6 (5) in section 1009(a) (21 U.S.C. 959(a)), by
7 striking “schedule I or II” and inserting “schedule I,
8 II, or A”.

9 **SEC. 8. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ANALOGUES.**

10 Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21
11 U.S.C. 802) is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “or V” and in-
13 serting “V, or A”;

14 (2) in paragraph (14)—

15 (A) by striking “schedule I(c) and” and in-
16 serting “schedule I(c), schedule A, and”; and

17 (B) by striking “schedule I(c),” and insert-
18 ing “schedule I(c) and schedule A,”; and

19 (3) in paragraph (32)(A), by striking “(32)(A)”
20 and all that follows through clause (iii) and inserting
21 the following:

22 “(32)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C), the
23 term ‘controlled substance analogue’ means a substance
24 whose chemical structure is substantially similar to the

1 *chemical structure of a controlled substance in schedule I*
2 *or II—*

3 “(i) *which has a stimulant, depressant, or hallu-*
4 *cinogenic effect on the central nervous system that is*
5 *substantially similar to or greater than the stimulant,*
6 *depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central*
7 *nervous system of a controlled substance in schedule*
8 *I or II; or*

9 “(ii) *with respect to a particular person, which*
10 *such person represents or intends to have a stimulant,*
11 *depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central*
12 *nervous system that is substantially similar to or*
13 *greater than the stimulant, depressant, or hallucino-*
14 *genic effect on the central nervous system of a con-*
15 *trolled substance in schedule I or II.”.*

16 **SEC. 9. AMENDMENT TO THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES.**

17 *Section 2D1.1 of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines is*
18 *amended, in Application Note 6 (Analogues and Controlled*
19 *Substances Not Referenced in this Guideline) of the Com-*
20 *mentary, by striking “In determining the most closely re-*
21 *lated controlled substance, the court shall, to the extent*
22 *practicable, consider the following:” and inserting the fol-*
23 *lowing: “In determining the most closely related controlled*
24 *substance and the applicable guideline or drug equivalence,*
25 *the court shall—*

1 “(A) if Attorney General has provided guid-
 2 ance on the appropriate sentencing equivalency
 3 or ratio to a controlled substance that is ref-
 4 erenced in the guidelines through publication in
 5 the Federal Register (whether such guidance is
 6 included in or separate from any notice of pro-
 7 posed temporary or permanent scheduling of
 8 such substance under section 201 of the Con-
 9 trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 811)), apply
 10 any such sentencing equivalency or ratio; and

11 “(B) in the absence of guidance with respect
 12 to a substance or group of substances as de-
 13 scribed in paragraph (A), use equivalencies for
 14 the following structural classes of substances as if
 15 they were included on the Drug Equivalency Ta-
 16 bles:

“Drug Class	Marihuana Equivalency of 1 gm of sub- ject substance
<i>Synthetic Opioids</i>	1 gm = 10 kg
<i>Synthetic Cannabinoids</i>	1 gm = 167 gm
<i>Synthetic Cathinones</i>	1 gm = 380 gm
<i>Tryptamine</i>	1 gm = 80 gm
<i>Phenethylamines</i>	1 gm = 2.5 kg
<i>Piperazines</i>	1 gm = 2 kg
<i>Benzofurans</i>	1 gm = 500 gm
<i>Arylcyclohexylamines</i> (PCP-like sub- stances)	1 gm = 1 kg
<i>Methylphenidate analogs</i>	1 gm = 100 gm
<i>Benzodiazepines</i>	1 ‘unit’ (as defined in Note (F) to the Drug Quantity Table in 2D1.1) = 0.0625 gm

1 *In the case of a substance for which paragraphs (A)*
2 *and (B) above are not applicable, the court shall de-*
3 *termine an equivalency or ratio by considering the*
4 *following factors, to the extent practicable.”.*

5 **SEC. 10. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

6 *Nothing in this Act, or the amendments made by this*
7 *Act, may be construed to limit—*

8 *(1) the prosecution of offenses involving con-*
9 *trolled substance analogues under the Controlled Sub-*
10 *stances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.); or*

11 *(2) the authority of the Attorney General to tem-*
12 *porarily or permanently schedule, reschedule, or de-*
13 *control controlled substances under provisions of sec-*
14 *tion 201 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.*
15 *811) that are in effect on the day before the date of*
16 *enactment of this Act.*

17 **SEC. 11. STUDY BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.**

18 *Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of*
19 *this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall*
20 *complete a study and submit a report to the Committees*
21 *on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of*
22 *the Senate regarding the costs associated with the amend-*
23 *ments made by section 4, including—*

24 *(1) the annual amounts expended by Federal*
25 *agencies in carrying out the amendments;*

1 (2) *The costs associated with arrests, trials, con-*
2 *victions, imprisonment, or imposition of other sanc-*
3 *tions in accordance with the amendments; and*

4 (3) *the impact (including the fiscal impact) of*
5 *the amendments on existing correctional facilities and*
6 *the likelihood that those amendments will create a*
7 *need for additional capacity for housing prisoners.*