

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2142, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2142

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2017

Ms. TSONGAS (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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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 “International Narcotics  
5 Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming

1 Contraband with Technology Act” or the “INTERDICT  
2 Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

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

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

17 (3) EXPRESS CONSIGNMENT OPERATOR OR CAR-  
18 RIER.—The term “express consignment operator or  
19 carrier” has the meaning given that term in section  
20 128.1 of title 19, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
21 any similar successor regulation).

1 **SEC. 3. INTERDICTION OF FENTANYL, OTHER SYNTHETIC**  
2 **OPIOIDS, AND OTHER NARCOTICS AND**  
3 **PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES.**

4 (a) **CHEMICAL SCREENING DEVICES.**—The Commis-  
5 sioner shall—

6 (1) increase the number of chemical screening  
7 devices available to U.S. Customs and Border Pro-  
8 tection officers over the number of such devices that  
9 are available on the date of the enactment of this  
10 Act; and

11 (2) make such additional chemical screening de-  
12 vices available to U.S. Customs and Border Protec-  
13 tion officers as the Commissioner determines are  
14 necessary to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic  
15 opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive sub-  
16 stances that are illegally imported into the United  
17 States, including such substances that are imported  
18 through the mail or by an express consignment oper-  
19 ator or carrier.

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

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There is authorized to be appropriated to the Com-  
3 missioner \$9,000,000 to ensure that U.S. Customs and  
4 Border Protection has resources, including chemical  
5 screening devices, personnel, and scientists, available dur-  
6 ing all operational hours to prevent, detect, and interdict  
7 the unlawful importation of fentanyl, other synthetic  
8 opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances.