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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “DHS Opioid Detection
5 Resilience Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY TO ENSURE DETECTION OF ALL OPIOID**
2 **PURITY LEVELS AT PORTS OF ENTRY.**

3 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this section, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs
5 and Border Protection (CBP) shall—

6 (1) implement a strategy to ensure deployed
7 chemical screening devices are able to identify in an
8 operational environment narcotics at purity levels
9 less than or equal to 10 percent, or provide ports of
10 entry with an alternate method for identifying nar-
11 cotics at lower purity levels; and

12 (2) require testing of any new chemical screen-
13 ing devices to understand the abilities and limita-
14 tions of such devices relating to identifying narcotics
15 at various purity levels before CBP commits to the
16 acquisition of such devices.

17 **SEC. 3. PLAN TO ENSURE OPIOID DETECTION EQUIPMENT**
18 **RESILIENCY.**

19 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security
21 shall implement a plan for the long-term development of
22 a centralized spectral database for chemical screening de-
23 vices. Such plan shall address the following:

24 (1) How newly identified spectra will be col-
25 lected, stored, and distributed to such devices in

1 their operational environment, including at ports of
2 entry.

3 (2) Identification of parties responsible for up-
4 dates and maintenance of such database.