115TH CONGRESS
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HARPER (for himself and Ms. MATSU) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________________

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SEC. 2. REGISTRATION OF [COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH OR ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTERS] FOR DISPENSING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General of the United States shall begin—

(1) registering [community mental health or addiction treatment centers] pursuant to section 303(f) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(f)), as amended by subsection (b); and

(2) applying the amendment to section 102(54) of such Act (21 U.S.C. 102) made by subsection (c).

(b) CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION.—Section 303(f) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(f)) is amended by striking “The Attorney General shall register practitioners (including pharmacies, as distinguished from pharmacists)” and inserting “The Attorney General shall register practitioners (including pharmacies, as distinguished from pharmacists, and including [community mental health or addiction treatment centers] (as defined in section 102))”.

(c) DEFINITION OF PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE.—Section 102(54) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 102(54)) is amended—
(1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “a hospital or clinic registered under section 303(f)” and inserting “a hospital or clinic registered under section 303(f) (including a community mental health or addiction treatment center)”; and

(2) [Would you like to include similar parentheticals next to the references to a hospital or clinic in subparagraphs (A)(ii)(III)(bb)(BB), (B)(iii)(II)(bb), (F)(i)(II), and (F)(ii)(II) of section 102(54)?]

(d) Definition of Community Mental Health or Addiction Treatment Center.—Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 102) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(57) The term ‘community mental health or addiction treatment center’ means [to be supplied]”. 

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