

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7238

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2022

Mr. BUCSHON (for himself, Mrs. AXNE, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, and Mr. PAPPAS) 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

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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 “Timely Treatment for  
5 Opioid Use Disorder Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVISE OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM ADMISSION**  
2 **CRITERIA TO ELIMINATE REQUIREMENT**  
3 **THAT PATIENTS HAVE BEEN ADDICTED FOR**  
4 **AT LEAST 1 YEAR.**

5 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
6 revise section 8.12(e)(1) of title 42, Code of Federal Regu-  
7 lations (or successor regulations), to eliminate the require-  
8 ment that an opioid treatment program only admit an in-  
9 dividual for treatment under the program if the individual  
10 has been addicted to opioids for at least 1 year before  
11 being so admitted for treatment.

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