

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8931

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to require the Attorney General to remove a drug from scheduling within 180 days of a certain date pursuant to the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself and Ms. ROSS) 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

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 “Improving Access to
5 Safe Medicines Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF A CONTROLLED SUB-**
2 **STANCE FROM SCHEDULING AT THE REC-**
3 **OMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF**
4 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

5 Section 201(j) of the Controlled Substances Act (21
6 U.S.C. 811(j)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by striking “the date described in
9 paragraph (2)” and inserting “the date de-
10 scribed in paragraph (3)”; and

11 (B) by striking “the procedures described
12 in paragraph (3)” and inserting “the proce-
13 dures described in paragraph (4)”;

14 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
15 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

16 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(2) If the Secretary of Health and Human Services
19 recommends that the Attorney General remove any drug
20 from the schedules under this title in accordance with this
21 section and section 202, and the Attorney General deter-
22 mines there is no other legal basis to control the drug
23 under this title, the Attorney General shall, not later than
24 180 days after the date described in paragraph (3), issue
25 a proposed rule to remove the drug from the schedules

- 1 in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection
- 2 (a).”.

