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To amend the Controlled Substances Act to prohibit manufacturing or distributing candy-flavored controlled substances for minors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. LaTURNER, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BABIN, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. ISSA, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. JACKSON, and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to prohibit manufacturing or distributing candy-flavored controlled substances for minors, and for other purposes.

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 “Protecting Kids from
5 Candy-Flavored Drugs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OFFENSES INVOLVING CANDY-FLAVORED CON-**
2 **TROLLED SUBSTANCES MANUFACTURED OR**
3 **DISTRIBUTED FOR MINORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part D of the Controlled Sub-
5 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 841 et seq.) is amended by insert-
6 ing after section 418 the following:

7 “MANUFACTURING OR DISTRIBUTING CANDY-FLAVORED
8 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES FOR MINORS

9 “SEC. 418a. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c)
10 and in section 418, 419, or 420, a person shall be subject
11 to the penalty described in subsection (b) if the person
12 violates section 401(a)(1)—

13 “(1) by manufacturing, creating, distributing,
14 dispensing, or possessing with intent to distribute a
15 controlled substance listed in schedule I or II that
16 is—

17 “(A) combined with a candy or beverage
18 product;

19 “(B) marketed or packaged to appear simi-
20 lar to a candy or beverage product; or

21 “(C) modified by flavoring or coloring to
22 appear similar to a candy or beverage product;
23 and

24 “(2) knowing, or having reasonable cause to be-
25 lieve, that the controlled substance will be distrib-

1 uted, dispensed, or sold to a person under 18 years
2 of age.

3 “(b) The penalty described in this subsection is—

4 “(1) in the case of a first offense involving the
5 same controlled substance and schedule, an addi-
6 tional term of imprisonment of not more than 10
7 years; and

8 “(2) in the case of a second or subsequent of-
9 fense involving the same controlled substance and
10 schedule, an additional term of imprisonment of not
11 more than 20 years.

12 “(c) Subsection (a) shall not apply to any controlled
13 substance that—

14 “(1) has been approved by the Secretary under
15 section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
16 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 355), if the contents, mar-
17 keting, and packaging of the controlled substance
18 have not been altered from the form approved by the
19 Secretary; or

20 “(2) has been altered at the direction of a prac-
21 titioner who is acting for a legitimate medical pur-
22 pose in the usual course of professional practice.”.

23 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
24 The table of contents for the Comprehensive Drug Abuse
25 Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (Public Law 91–513;

1 84 Stat. 1236) is amended by inserting after the item re-
 2 lating to section 418 the following:

“Sec. 418a. Manufacturing or distributing candy-flavored controlled substances
 for minors.”.

3 (c) SENTENCING GUIDELINES.—Pursuant to its au-
 4 thority under section 994 of title 28, United States Code,
 5 and in accordance with this section, the United States
 6 Sentencing Commission shall amend and review the Fed-
 7 eral sentencing guidelines and policy statements to ensure
 8 that the guidelines provide for a penalty enhancement of
 9 not less than 2 offense levels for a violation of section
 10 401(a) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.
 11 841(a)) if the defendant—

12 (1) manufactures, creates, distributes, dis-
 13 penses, or possesses with intent to distribute a con-
 14 trolled substance listed in schedule I or II that is—

15 (A) combined with a candy or beverage
 16 product;

17 (B) marketed or packaged to appear simi-
 18 lar to a candy or beverage product; or

19 (C) modified by flavoring or coloring to ap-
 20 pear similar to a candy or beverage product;
 21 and

1 (2) knows, or has reasonable cause to believe,
2 that the controlled substance will be distributed, dis-
3 pensed, or sold to a person under 18 years of age.

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