

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7359

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with the authority to suspend the right to introduce certain persons or property into the United States in the interest of the public health.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2022

Mr. DESJARLAIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Stop Fentanyl Border
5 Crossings Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH.**

2 Section 362 of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 265) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “Whenever the” and inserting
5 the following:

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whenever the”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) SUSPENSIONS RELATING TO ILLICIT DRUGS.—

9 Whenever the Secretary determines that by reason of the
10 existence of substantial illicit drug smuggling from a for-
11 eign country there is serious danger of the introduction
12 of such drugs into the United States, and that this danger
13 is so increased by the introduction of persons or property
14 from such country that a suspension of the right to intro-
15 duce such persons and property is required in the interest
16 of the public health, the Secretary, in accordance with reg-
17 ulations promulgated by the Secretary, shall have the
18 power to prohibit, in whole or in part, the introduction
19 of persons and property from such countries or places as
20 he shall designate in order to avert such danger, and for
21 such period of time as he may deem necessary for such
22 purpose.”.

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