

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8228

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for punishment for the knowing distribution of fentanyl, if death results, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2022

Mr. GOSAR 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

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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 “Death Penalty for  
5 Dealing Fentanyl Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. KNOWING DISTRIBUTION OF FENTANYL WHERE**  
2 **DEATH RESULTS.**

3 Part D of the Controlled Substances Act is amended  
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 424. KNOWING DISTRIBUTION OF FENTANYL WHERE**  
6 **DEATH RESULTS.**

7 “Any person who knowingly violates section  
8 401(a)(1) or section 416 by distributing, possessing with  
9 intent to distribute, or manufacturing fentanyl shall, if  
10 death results, be punished—

11 “(1) by death or imprisonment for any term of  
12 years or for life; and

13 “(2) by a fine under title 18, United States  
14 Code.”.

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