



# IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2020

Mr. Wayne (for himself, Mr. Noah, Mr. Smith, Mr. Galt, Mr. Locke, Mr. Romerio) introduced the following bill;

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To repeal the Controlled Substances Act and dissolve the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

*Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled,*

## **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Addiction is Not a Crime Act”

## **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds that—

- (a) Complete criminalization of controlled substances does not allow for any research into medical properties or other possible uses
- (b) Conflict between state and local laws on controlled substances creates confusion in enforcement and legality
- (c) In 2016, 2.2 million Americans have been incarcerated, which means for every 100,000 there are 655 who are currently inmates
- (d) According to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 46.1% of the Federal Prison Population inmates have been charged with drug related offenses
- (e) The release and non-prosecution of such non-violent offenders would allow drug users to seek treatment, reunite families and reduce financial pressure on the prison and criminal justice systems

### **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act—

- (a) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT - Referring to the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 and all subsequent amendments
- (b) DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION - The Drug Enforcement Administration, or the DEA, created by the aforementioned act
- (c) NON-VIOLENT CHARGES - Any crime not involving physical violence, theft or fraud

### **SEC. 4. REPEAL AND RELEASE**

- (a) The Controlled Substances Act is hereby repealed.
- (b) The Drug Enforcement Administration will be dissolved within six months of the passage of this act.
- (c) All Federal non-violent charges originating from the Controlled Substances Act must be stricken from their respective records within six months.
- (d) All such Federal inmates solely charged with such offenses must be discharged within six months.
- (e) All Federal inmates charged with such offenses in addition to others must be have their sentences reduced accordingly
- (f) Three months after the passage of this act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General will testify before Congress to update them on the implementation of this act.
- (g) Six months after the passage of this act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General will testify before Congress to update them on the final implementation of this act.

### **SEC. 5. ENACTMENT.**

EFFECTIVE DATE.— The provisions of this Act shall come into force immediately upon passage unless otherwise noted above.

*(Idea courtesy of Senate Candidate Dale Kerns)*