

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2351

AN ACT

To direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to update the policy of the Coast Guard regarding the use of medication to treat drug overdose, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ONBOARD VESSELS.**

2 Section 70503(a) of title 46, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
5 striking “While on board a covered vessel, an” and
6 inserting “An”;

7 (2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(1) manufacture or distribute, possess with in-
10 tent to manufacture or distribute, or place or cause
11 to be placed with intent to manufacture or distribute
12 a controlled substance on board a covered vessel;”;

13 (3) in paragraph (2) by inserting “on board a
14 covered vessel” before the semicolon; and

15 (4) in paragraph (3) by inserting “while on
16 board a covered vessel” after “such individual”.

17 **SEC. 2. POLICY AND BRIEFING ON AVAILABILITY OF**
18 **NALOXONE TO TREAT OPIOID OVERDOSES.**

19 (a) **POLICY.**—Not later than 1 year after the date
20 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast
21 Guard shall update the policy of the Coast Guard regard-
22 ing the use of medication to treat drug overdoses, includ-
23 ing the use of naloxone or other similar medication to treat
24 opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses.

25 (b) **AVAILABILITY.**—The updated policy required
26 under subsection (a) shall require naloxone or other simi-

1 lar medication be available for members of the Coast
2 Guard—

3 (1) on all Coast Guard installations; and

4 (2) in each operational environment.

5 (c) PARTICIPATION IN TRACKING SYSTEM.—Not
6 later than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment
7 of this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-
8 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-
9 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)
10 is established, the Commandant shall ensure the partici-
11 pation of the Coast Guard in the such tracking system.

12 (d) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later
13 than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment of
14 this Act or the date on which the tracking system estab-
15 lished under section 706 of the National Defense Author-
16 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note)
17 is established, the Secretary of the department in which
18 the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a
19 service in the Navy and the Secretary of Defense shall fi-
20 nalize a memorandum of understanding to facilitate Coast
21 Guard access such tracking system.

22 (e) BRIEFING.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
24 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant
25 shall provide the Committee on Transportation and

1 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
2 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
3 portation of the Senate a briefing on the use, by
4 members and personnel of the Coast Guard at Coast
5 Guard facilities, onboard Coast Guard assets, and
6 during Coast Guard operations, of—

7 (A) naloxone or other similar medication to
8 treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses; and

9 (B) opioids, including fentanyl.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under
11 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

12 (A) A description of—

13 (i) the progress made in the imple-
14 mentation of the updated policy required
15 under subsection (a);

16 (ii) the prevalence and incidence of
17 the illegal use of fentanyl and other con-
18 trolled substances in the Coast Guard dur-
19 ing the 5-year period preceding the brief-
20 ing;

21 (iii) processes of the Coast Guard to
22 mitigate substance abuse in the Coast
23 Guard, particularly with respect to
24 fentanyl; and

1 (iv) the status of the memorandum of
2 understanding required under subsection
3 (d).

4 (B) For the 5-year period preceding the
5 briefing, a review of instances in which
6 naloxone or other similar medication was used
7 to treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses at
8 a Coast Guard facility, onboard a Coast Guard
9 asset, or during a Coast Guard operation.

10 (f) PRIVACY.—In carrying out the requirements of
11 this section, the Commandant shall ensure compliance
12 with all applicable privacy law, including section 552a of
13 title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the
14 “Privacy Act”), and the privacy regulations promulgated
15 under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability
16 and Accountability Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note).

17 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of the
18 availability requirement under subsection (b), with respect
19 to a Coast Guard installation comprised of multiple Coast
20 Guard facilities or units, naloxone or other similar medica-
21 tion available at a single Coast Guard facility within the
22 installation shall be considered to be available to all Coast
23 Guard facilities or units on the installation if appropriate
24 arrangements are in place to ensure access, at all times

- 1 during operations, to the naloxone or other similar medica-
- 2 tion contained within such single Coast Guard facility.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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