

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 5234

To modify statutory definitions relating to narcotics and drug trafficking,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2022

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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drug trafficking, 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 America
5 from Narcotics and Illicit Chemicals Act of 2022” or the
6 “PANIC Act of 2022”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF MAJOR ILLICIT DRUG PRODUCING**
8 **COUNTRY.**

9 Section 481(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
10 (22 U.S.C. 2291(e)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; or”
3 and inserting a semicolon;

4 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
5 semicolon at the end and inserting “; or”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(E) that is a significant direct source of
8 covered synthetic drugs or psychotropic drugs
9 or other controlled substances, including pre-
10 cursor chemicals when those chemicals are used
11 in the production of such drugs and substances,
12 significantly affecting the United States;”;

13 (2) by amending paragraph (5) to read as fol-
14 lows:

15 “(5) the term ‘major drug-transit country’
16 means a country through which are transported cov-
17 ered synthetic drugs or psychotropic drugs or other
18 controlled substances significantly affecting the
19 United States;”;

20 (3) in paragraph (7), by striking “; and” and
21 inserting a semicolon;

22 (4) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at
23 the end and inserting “; and”; and

24 (5) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(9) the term ‘covered synthetic drug’ has the
2 meaning given that term in section 5558 of the
3 FENTANYL Results Act.”.

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