



National Association of State
Controlled Substances Authorities

NASCSA Resolution 2017-01
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San Antonio, Texas

A Resolution Endorsing the Enactment of Legislation Entitled the Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2017

WHEREAS, the U.S. (U.S.) Senate has introduced a Bill proposing to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to ensure that merchandise arriving through the mail shall be subject to review by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and to require the provision of advance electronic information on shipments of mail to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes (S. 372); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has introduced a companion Bill also proposing to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to ensure that merchandise arriving through the mail shall be subject to review by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and to require the provision of advance electronic information on shipments of mail to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes (H.R. 1057); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate Bill S. 372 and the U.S. House of Representatives Bill H.R. 1057 are also known as the Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2017; and

WHEREAS, illicitly manufactured synthetic opioids, including fentanyl and carfentanil, are being smuggled into the U.S. from foreign countries through the mail system, among other methods, and pose a serious danger to public safety; and

WHEREAS, synthetic opioids, including fentanyl and carfentanil are potent analgesics and are controlled substances in Schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act of 1970; and

WHEREAS, synthetic opioids, particularly fentanyl and carfentanil, have been linked to a significant and increasing number of overdoses and deaths throughout the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, improper handling of fentanyl and carfentanil and other fentanyl-related compounds poses significant danger to citizens, first responders, as well as, to law enforcement personnel who are investigating and seizing these substances, and to medical, treatment and laboratory personnel; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl, carfentanil and other fentanyl-related compounds are illicitly manufactured in many forms, such as powder, blotter paper, tablets and spray, and drug traffickers are concealing these substances in the mail system; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Postal System currently does not require electronic customs data for mail entering the U.S. which impacts the ability of U.S. authorities to detect and prevent these dangerous substances from entering the country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) endorses the enactment of legislation entitled the Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2017.



ATTEST: _____

President

DATE: October 19, 2017