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SUBCHAPTER I—CONTROL AND
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PART A—INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

**§ 801. Congressional findings and declarations:
controlled substances**

The Congress makes the following findings and declarations:

(1) Many of the drugs included within this subchapter have a useful and legitimate medical purpose and are necessary to maintain the health and general welfare of the American people.

(2) The illegal importation, manufacture, distribution, and possession and improper use of controlled substances have a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the American people.

(3) A major portion of the traffic in controlled substances flows through interstate and foreign commerce. Incidents of the traffic which are not an integral part of the interstate or foreign flow, such as manufacture, local distribution, and possession, nonetheless have a substantial and direct effect upon interstate commerce because—

(A) after manufacture, many controlled substances are transported in interstate commerce,

(B) controlled substances distributed locally usually have been transported in interstate commerce immediately before their distribution, and

(C) controlled substances possessed commonly flow through interstate commerce immediately prior to such possession.

(4) Local distribution and possession of controlled substances contribute to swelling the interstate traffic in such substances.

(5) Controlled substances manufactured and distributed intrastate cannot be differentiated from controlled substances manufactured and distributed interstate. Thus, it is not feasible to distinguish, in terms of controls, between controlled substances manufactured and distributed interstate and controlled substances manufactured and distributed intrastate.

(6) Federal control of the intrastate incidents of the traffic in controlled substances is essential to the effective control of the interstate incidents of such traffic.

(7) The United States is a party to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and other international conventions designed to establish effective control over international and domestic traffic in controlled substances.

(Pub. L. 91-513, title II, §101, Oct. 27, 1970, 84 Stat. 1242.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in par. (1), was in the original “this title”, meaning title II of Pub. L. 91-513,

Oct. 27, 1970, 84 Stat. 1242, as amended, and is popularly known as the “Controlled Substances Act”. For complete classification of title II to the Code, see second paragraph of Short Title note set out below and Tables.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 91-513, title II, §704, Oct. 27, 1970, 84 Stat. 1284, provided that:

“(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this title [see Short Title note below] shall become effective on the first day of the seventh calendar month that begins after the day immediately preceding the date of enactment [Oct. 27, 1970].

“(b) Parts A, B, E, and F of this title [Parts A, B, E, and F of this subchapter], section 702 [set out as a note under section 321 of this title], this section, and sections 705 through 709 [sections 901 to 904 of this title and note set out below], shall become effective upon enactment [Oct. 27, 1970].

“(c) Sections 305 (relating to labels and labeling) [section 825 of this title], and 306 (relating to manufacturing quotas) [section 826 of this title] shall become effective on the date specified in subsection (a) of this section, except that the Attorney General may by order published in the Federal Register postpone the effective date of either or both of these sections for such period as he may determine to be necessary for the efficient administration of this title [see Short Title note below].”

SHORT TITLE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 117-53, §1, Nov. 10, 2021, 135 Stat. 411, provided that: “This Act [amending section 822 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Ensuring Compliance Against Drug Diversion Act of 2021.’”

Pub. L. 117-36, §1, Aug. 6, 2021, 135 Stat. 328, provided that: “This Act [amending section 824 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Debarment Enforcement of Bad Actor Registrants Act of 2021’ or the ‘DEBAR Act of 2021.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-271, title III, §3211, Oct. 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 3947, provided that: “This chapter [chapter 2 (§§ 3211, 3212) of subtitle B of title III of Pub. L. 115-271, enacting provisions set out as a note under section 829 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Empowering Pharmacists in the Fight Against Opioid Abuse Act.’”

Pub. L. 115-271, title III, §3221, Oct. 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 3947, provided that: “This chapter [chapter 3 (§§ 3221-3223) of subtitle B of title III of Pub. L. 115-271, amending section 822 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 822 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Safe Disposal of Unused Medication Act.’”

Pub. L. 115-271, title III, §3231, Oct. 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 3949, provided that: “This chapter [chapter 4 (§§ 3231, 3232) of subtitle B of title III of Pub. L. 115-271, amending section 831 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Special Registration for Telemedicine Clarification Act of 2018.’”

Pub. L. 115-271, title III, §3271, Oct. 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 3952, provided that: “This chapter [chapter 7 (§§ 3271-3274) of subtitle B of title III of Pub. L. 115-271, amending sections 827, 842, and 873 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 827 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Using Data To Prevent Opioid Diversion Act of 2018.’”

Pub. L. 115-271, title III, §3281, Oct. 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 3954, provided that: “This chapter [chapter 8 (§§ 3281, 3282) of subtitle B of title III of Pub. L. 115-271, amending section 826 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 826 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Opioid Quota Reform Act.’”

Pub. L. 115-271, title III, §3291, Oct. 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 3956, provided that: “This chapter [chapter 9 (§§ 3291, 3292) of subtitle B of title III of Pub. L. 115-271, enacting section 832 of this title and amending section 802 of this