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2D SESSION

H. R. 5020

To require the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service to submit to Congress a report on the effects on public health of the increased rate of use of synthetic drugs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2016

Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. COLLINS of New York, and Mr. BUTTERFIELD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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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 “Synthetic Drug Aware-
5 ness Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON EFFECTS ON PUBLIC HEALTH OF SYN-**
7 **THETIC DRUG USE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than three years after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Surgeon General

1 of the Public Health Service shall submit to Congress a
2 report on the effects on public health of the increase since
3 January 2010 in the rate of use of synthetic drugs in the
4 United States by individuals who are at least 12 years of
5 age but not more than 18 years of age.

6 (b) SYNTHETIC DRUG DEFINED.—For purposes of
7 subsection (a), the term “synthetic drug” means a drug
8 which is developed and manufactured to avoid control
9 under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et
10 seq.).

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