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S. 3645

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Illicit Para-
3 phernalia for Exchange Systems Act” or the “PIPES
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN USES OF FUNDS.**

6 Section 2706 of the American Rescue Plan Act of
7 2021 (Public Law 117–2) is amended by adding at the
8 end the following:

9 “(c) PROHIBITED USES OF FUNDS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of this section, no funds appropriated in
12 this section shall be used—

13 “(A) subject to paragraph (2), to purchase
14 sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic
15 injection of any illegal drug; or

16 “(B) to procure, supply, or distribute
17 pipes, cylindrical objects, or other paraphernalia
18 that can be used to smoke, inhale, or ingest
19 narcotics.

20 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The limitation under para-
21 graph (1)(A) does not apply to the use of funds for
22 elements of a program other than making purchases
23 described in such paragraph if the relevant State,
24 local, territorial, or Tribal health department, in
25 consultation with the Centers for Disease Control
26 and Prevention, determines that the State, local, ter-

1 ritorial, or Tribal jurisdiction, as applicable, is expe-
2 riencing, or is at risk for, a significant increase in
3 hepatitis infections or an HIV outbreak due to injec-
4 tion drug use, and such program is operating in ac-
5 cordance with applicable law.”.

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