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118TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To impose sanctions with respect to Chinese producers of synthetic opioids and opioid precursors, to hold Chinese officials accountable for the spread of illicit fentanyl, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To impose sanctions with respect to Chinese producers of synthetic opioids and opioid precursors, to hold Chinese officials accountable for the spread of illicit fentanyl, 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 “Stop Chinese Fentanyl  
5 Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE FENTANYL SANCTIONS ACT.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7203(5) of the  
2 Fentanyl Sanctions Act (21 U.S.C. 2302(5)) is  
3 amended—

4           (A) by striking “The term ‘foreign opioid  
5 trafficker’ means any foreign person” and in-  
6 serting the following: “The term ‘foreign opioid  
7 trafficker’—

8           “(A) means any foreign person”;

9           (B) by striking the period at the end and  
10 inserting “; and”; and

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

12           “(B) includes—

13           “(i) any entity of the People’s Repub-  
14 lic of China that the President deter-  
15 mines—

16           “(I) produces, manufactures, dis-  
17 tributes, sells, or knowingly finances  
18 or transports any goods described in  
19 clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph (8)(A);  
20 and

21           “(II) fails to take credible steps,  
22 including through implementation of  
23 appropriate know-your-customer pro-  
24 cedures or through cooperation with  
25 United States counternarcotics ef-

1                   forts, to detect or prevent opioid traf-  
2                   ficking; and

3                   “(ii) senior official of the Government  
4                   of the People’s Republic of China or other  
5                   Chinese political official that—

6                   “(I) has significant regulatory or  
7                   law enforcement responsibilities with  
8                   respect to the activities of an entity  
9                   described clause (i); or

10                  “(II) otherwise fails to take cred-  
11                  ible steps to combat foreign opioid  
12                  traffickers.”.

13                  (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
14                  by this subsection take effect on the date that is 30  
15                  days after the enactment of this Act.

16                  (b) IDENTIFICATION OF FOREIGN OPIOID TRAF-  
17 FICKERS.—Section 7211 of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act  
18 (21 U.S.C. 2311) is amended—

19                  (1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by adding at the  
20                  end before the semicolon the following: “, including  
21                  whether the heads of the National Narcotics Control  
22                  Commission, the Ministry of Public Security, the  
23                  General Administration of Customs, and the Na-  
24                  tional Medical Products Administration of the Gov-

1 ernment of the People’s Republic of China are for-  
2 eign opioid traffickers”; and

3 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “5 years” and  
4 inserting “10 years”.

5 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR**  
6 **VIOLATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL EMER-**  
7 **GENCY ECONOMIC POWERS ACT AND THE**  
8 **TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT.**

9 (a) INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY ECONOMIC POW-  
10 ERS ACT.—Section 206 of the International Emergency  
11 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) is amended by  
12 adding at the end the following:

13 “(d) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—

14 “(1) CIVIL PENALTY.—An action, suit, or pro-  
15 ceeding for the enforcement of any civil fine, pen-  
16 alty, or forfeiture, pecuniary or otherwise, shall not  
17 be entertained unless commenced within 10 years  
18 from the latest date of the violation upon which the  
19 civil fine, penalty, or forfeiture is based.

20 “(2) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—No person shall be  
21 prosecuted, tried, or punished for any offense under  
22 this section unless the indictment is found or the in-  
23 formation is instituted within 10 years from the lat-  
24 est date of the violation upon which the indictment  
25 or information is based.”.

1 (b) TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT.—Section 16  
2 of the Trading with the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. 4315) is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(d) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—

5 “(1) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—No person shall be  
6 prosecuted, tried, or punished for any offense under  
7 this section unless the indictment is found or the in-  
8 formation is instituted within 10 years from the lat-  
9 est date of the violation upon which the indictment  
10 or information is based.

11 “(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—An action, suit, or pro-  
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14 be entertained unless commenced within 10 years  
15 from the latest date of the violation upon which the  
16 civil fine, penalty, or forfeiture is based.”