

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4431

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2023

Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. BUDZINSKI, and Ms. CRAIG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Law Enforcement Offi-  
5 cers Preventing Overdose Deaths Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF RURAL NALAXONE PILOT PRO-**  
2 **GRAMS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COM-**  
3 **PREHENSIVE OPIOID ABUSE GRANT PRO-**  
4 **GRAM.**

5 Section 3021 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
6 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10701) is amend-  
7 ed—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
9 following:

10 “(11) A pilot program for local law enforcement  
11 agencies located in rural areas to purchase opioid re-  
12 ceptor antagonists, including naloxone, for use by of-  
13 ficers in the line of duty, as described in subsection  
14 (g).”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(g) RURAL NALAXONE PILOT PROGRAM.—The pilot  
17 program described under this subsection shall make  
18 grants to rural areas to implement a program for local  
19 law enforcement agencies to purchase opioid receptor an-  
20 tagonists, including naloxone, for use by officers in the  
21 line of duty.”.

22 **SEC. 3. PROVISION REGARDING CERTAIN FUNDING LEVEL**  
23 **FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES.**

24 Section 3024 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
25 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10704) is amend-  
26 ed—

1           (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “and” at the  
2 end;

3           (2) in paragraph (2)(C) by striking the period  
4 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(3) provides that no less than 50 percent of  
7 grants issued pursuant to this part shall be awarded  
8 to rural areas.”.

9 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

10          Section 3025 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
11 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10705) is amend-  
12 ed by adding at the end the following:

13           “(9) The term ‘rural area’ has the meaning  
14 given such term in section 343(a)(13)(A) of the  
15 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7  
16 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)(A)).”.

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