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# H. R. 6427

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2020

Mr. KELLER (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. BOST, and Mr. BUCSHON) 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 “Pausing All New De-  
5 tention and Ending Movement of Inmates for Coronavirus  
6 Act of 2020” or as the “PANDEMIC Act of 2020”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PRISONER TRANSFER.**

8 During the emergency period described in section  
9 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act—

1           (1) notwithstanding section 3621 of title 18,  
2           United States Code, no prisoner may be transferred  
3           between correctional facilities;

4           (2) no individuals in the custody of the U.S.  
5           Marshals Service shall be transferred to the custody  
6           of the Bureau of Prisons for placement in a facility  
7           operated by the Bureau of Prisons; and

8           (3) in the case of any person in the custody of  
9           a State, pending transfer to the custody of the Bu-  
10          reau of Prisons, the Attorney General may take such  
11          actions as may be necessary to provide for the serv-  
12          ice of any term of imprisonment by that person in  
13          a correctional facility of that State.

14 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY FOR EXPANSION.**

15          The Director of the Bureau of Prisons may take such  
16          actions as may be necessary to expand capacity in any  
17          correctional facility.

18 **SEC. 4. WAIVER OF POWER.**

19          The Attorney General may, on a case by case basis,  
20          waive the application of section 2. The authority under  
21          this section may not be delegated.

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