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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on __________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Alan Shao Jr. Fentanyl Public Health Emergency and Overdose Preven-
tion Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:
More than 100,000 Americans died from drug overdoses during 2021, with the majority of such deaths caused by fentanyl.

Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid drug that is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine.

Fentanyl is involved in more deaths of Americans younger than 50 years of age than any other cause of death, including heart disease, cancer, homicide, suicide, and other accidents.

In 2022, the United States Drug Enforcement Agency seized 50,000,000 fentanyl-laced pills and over 10,000 pounds of fentanyl powder, which is enough fentanyl to kill every American.

Just 2 milligrams of fentanyl is considered a lethal dose.

The smuggling of fentanyl into the United States constitutes a major public health crisis.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COVERED ALIEN.—The term “covered alien” means any person who—

(A) is attempting to unlawfully enter the United States from Canada or from Mexico;
(B) does not possess the required travel
documents to be admitted to the United States;
and
(C) is being held at a point of entry or a
Border Patrol station to facilitate immigration
processing.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
the Secretary of Homeland Security.

SEC. 4. SUSPENDING THE INTRODUCTION OF COVERED
ALIENS INTO THE UNITED STATES DUE TO
THE FENTANYL PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of the en-
actment of this Act, the admittance of covered aliens into
the United States is suspended to protect the public
health.

(b) RELOCATION.—Covered aliens who attempt to
enter the United States, either through a point of entry
or between points of entry, while the suspension described
in subsection (a) remains in place shall be returned to
their country of origin or to the country from which they
entered the United States as rapidly as possible to lower
the risk of such aliens introducing, selling, trafficking, or
otherwise illicitly disseminating or promoting the dissemi-
nation of deadly fentanyl into the United States.
(c) Repatriation Flights.—The Secretary is authorized to transport covered aliens being relocated pursuant to subsection (b) on scheduled repatriation flights, on a space available basis.