115th CONGRESS 2d Session **S**.

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for additional flexibility with respect to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorders, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Ms. HASSAN, and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ______

A BILL

- To amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for additional flexibility with respect to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorders, 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 "Addiction Treatment
- 5 Access Improvement Act of 2018".

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1	SEC. 2. ALLOWING FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT
2	TO MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR
3	OPIOID USE DISORDERS.
4	(a) Conforming Applicable Number.—Subclause
5	(II) of section $303(g)(2)(B)(iii)$ of the Controlled Sub-
6	stances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)(B)(iii)) is amended to
7	read as follows:
8	"(II) The applicable number is—
9	"(aa) 100 if, not sooner than 1 year after
10	the date on which the practitioner submitted
11	the initial notification, the practitioner submits
12	a second notification to the Secretary of the
13	need and intent of the practitioner to treat up
14	to 100 patients; or
15	"(bb) 275 if the practitioner meets the re-
16	quirements specified in section 8.610 of title
17	42, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor
18	regulations).".
19	(b) Eliminating Any Time Limitation for Nurse
20	PRACTITIONERS, CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS, CER-
21	TIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS, CERTIFIED
22	NURSE MIDWIVES, AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO BE-
23	COME QUALIFYING PRACTITIONERS.—Section
24	303(g)(2)(G)(iii)(II) of the Controlled Substances Act (21
25	U.S.C. 823(g)(2)(G)(iii)(II)) is amended by striking "dur-
26	ing the period beginning on the date of enactment of the

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Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 and
ending on October 1, 2021" and inserting "beginning on
the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Addiction and
Recovery Act of 2016".

5 (c) DEFINITION OF QUALIFYING OTHER PRACTI-TIONER.—Clause (iv) of section 303(g)(2)(G) of the Con-6 trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)(G)) is 7 amended by striking "nurse practitioner or physician as-8 sistant" each place it appears and inserting "nurse practi-9 tioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified registered nurse 10 anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, or physician assist-11 ant". 12