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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. W ARREN (for herself and Mrs. C APITO) 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 Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016”.

SEC. 2. PRESCRIPTIONS.

Section 309(a) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 829(a)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(1) IN GENERAL.—” before “Except”; and
(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) PARTIAL FILLING OF PRESCRIPTIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—A prescription for a controlled substance in schedule II may be partially filled if—

“(i) it is requested by—

“(I) the practitioner that wrote the prescription by making a notation on the face of the written prescription, written record of the emergency oral prescription, or in the electronic prescription record; or

“(II) the patient;

“(ii) the pharmacist partially filling the prescription records the partial filling in the same manner as a filling of the prescription;

“(iii) the pharmacist partially filling the prescription updates the record each time the prescription is partially filled;

“(iv) the total quantity dispensed in all partial fillings does not exceed the total quantity prescribed; and
“(v) the pharmacist notifies the practitioner that wrote the prescription of each partial fill.

“(B) Remaining portions.—Remaining portions of a partially filled prescription—

“(i) may be filled;

“(ii) must be exhausted prior to, or on the same date that such prescription, if fully filled, would have been exhausted.”.