

**TITLE 21 - FOOD AND DRUGS**  
**CHAPTER 16 - DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION**  
**SUBCHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§ 1101. Congressional findings**

The Congress makes the following findings:

- (1) Drug abuse is rapidly increasing in the United States and now afflicts urban, suburban, and rural areas of the Nation.
- (2) Drug abuse seriously impairs individual, as well as societal, health and well-being.
- (3) Drug abuse, especially heroin addiction, substantially contributes to crime.
- (4) The adverse impact of drug abuse inflicts increasing pain and hardship on individuals, families, and communities and undermines our institutions.
- (5) Too little is known about drug abuse, especially the causes, and ways to treat and prevent drug abuse.
- (6) The success of Federal drug abuse programs and activities requires a recognition that education, treatment, rehabilitation, research, training, and law enforcement efforts are interrelated.
- (7) The effectiveness of efforts by State and local governments and by the Federal Government to control and treat drug abuse in the United States has been hampered by a lack of coordination among the States, between States and localities, among the Federal Government, States and localities, and throughout the Federal establishment.
- (8) Control of drug abuse requires the development of a comprehensive, coordinated long-term Federal strategy that encompasses both effective law enforcement against illegal drug traffic and effective health programs to rehabilitate victims of drug abuse.
- (9) The increasing rate of drug abuse constitutes a serious and continuing threat to national health and welfare, requiring an immediate and effective response on the part of the Federal Government.
- (10) Although the Congress observed a significant apparent reduction in the rate of increase of drug abuse during the three-year period subsequent to March 21, 1972, and in certain areas of the country apparent temporary reductions in its incidence, the increase and spread of heroin consumption since 1974, and the continuing abuse of other dangerous drugs, clearly indicate the need for effective, ongoing, and highly visible Federal leadership in the formation and execution of a comprehensive, coordinated drug abuse policy.
- (11) Shifts in the usage of various drugs and in the Nation's demographic composition require a Federal strategy to adjust the focus of drug abuse programs to meet new needs and priorities on a cost-effective basis.
- (12) The growing extent of drug abuse indicates an urgent need for prevention and intervention programs designed to reach the general population and members of high risk populations such as youth, women, and the elderly.
- (13) Effective control of drug abuse requires high-level coordination of Federal international and domestic activities relating to both supply of, and demand for, commonly abused drugs.
- (14) Local governments with high concentrations of drug abuse should be actively involved in the planning and coordination of efforts to combat drug abuse.

(Pub. L. 92-255, title I, § 101, Mar. 21, 1972, 86 Stat. 66; Pub. L. 94-237, § 1, Mar. 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 241; Pub. L. 96-181, § 2, Jan. 2, 1980, 93 Stat. 1309.)

**Amendments**

1980—Pars. (11) to (14). Pub. L. 96-181 added pars. (11) to (14).

1976—Par. (10). Pub. L. 94-237 added par. (10).

### **Short Title of 1980 Amendment**

Section 1(a) of Pub. L. 96–181 provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 1111 to 1117 and 1181 of this title, amending this section, sections 1102, 1162, 1164, 1176, 1177, 1180, and 1191 to 1193 of this title, and sections 218, 300l–2, 300m–3, and 3733 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, omitting sections 1118 to 1120 and 1131 to 1133 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 1193 of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note below] may be cited as the ‘Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Amendments of 1979’.”

### **Short Title of 1978 Amendment**

Pub. L. 95–461, § 1, Oct. 14, 1978, 92 Stat. 1268, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 1194 of this title, amending sections 1172, 1176, 1177, 1192, and 1193 of this title, enacting a provision set out as a note under section 1172 of this title and amending a provision set out as a note under section 242 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] may be cited as the ‘Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Amendments of 1978’.”

### **Short Title**

Section 1 of Pub. L. 92–255, as amended by Pub. L. 96–181, § 15(a), Jan. 2, 1980, 93 Stat. 1316, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter, and amending sections 5313, 5315, and 5316 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and sections 218, 246, 257, 2684, 2688a, 2688k, 2688n–1, and 2688t of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] may be cited as the ‘Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act’.”

### **References to Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972**

Section 15(b) of Pub. L. 96–181 provided in part that: “Whenever reference is made in any other Federal law, regulation, ruling, or order to the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, the reference shall be considered to be made to the Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act.”