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Ryan Haight Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (4 total)

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Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 16, 2005
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 3, 2005
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 10, 2005
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 16, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 840	Related bill	Mar 14, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Internet Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act or the Ryan Haight Act - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) to prohibit any person from dispensing a prescription drug pursuant to a sale if: (1) any part of the transaction is conducted through an Internet site; (2) the person dispenses the drug by mailing or shipping the drug to the purchaser; and (3) such site fails to provide the identities and licensing information of the seller, pharmacists, or medical consultants.

Prohibits a person from selling or dispensing a prescription drug if: (1) the purchaser communicated with the person through the Internet; (2) the purchaser did not have a valid prescription when the communication began; (3) the person provided for the involvement of a practitioner; (4) the practitioner issued a prescription for the drug that was purchased; (5) the person knew that no qualifying medical relationship existed (defines "qualifying medical relationship" as requiring an in-person medical evaluation or a medical evaluation as a covering practitioner); and (6) the person received payment. Excludes certain acts involving telemedicine, group practices, and practices that promote the public health.

Allows States to bring civil actions against a person for violations of this Act.

Prevents Internet providers from being held liable for dispensing or selling prescriptions drugs on account of another person's activities.

Includes the dispensing or selling of a prescription drug in violation of this Act as a prohibited act under FFDCA.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award a grant or contract to the National Clearinghouse on Internet Prescribing to identify and report Internet sites that violate Federal or State laws concerning the dispensing of drugs.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 16, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 16, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1531-1532)
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