

HR 578

Prescription Drug Affordability Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 25, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 2, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5211	Related bill	May 15, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman .

Prescription Drug Affordability Act - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a nonrefundable tax credit for 80 percent of the amount paid for a prescribed drug during the taxable year (and not compensated for by insurance or otherwise) by a taxpayer who has attained social security retirement age.

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) to repeal provisions restricting the importation of prescription drugs. Allows a person who meets applicable legal requirements to be an importer of prescription drugs upon application to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Requires the Secretary to approve such an application if the drug meets all FFDCA requirements for admission into the United States, including that the drug has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and is not adulterated or misbranded.

Prohibits the Secretary from taking any action against any of the persons involved with the interstate sale of a prescription drug through an Internet site if: (1) the sale was made in compliance with applicable Federal and State laws; and (2) accurate information regarding compliance with such laws is posted on the Internet site.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 2, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 2, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E144)
- **Feb 2, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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