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Access to Legal Pharmaceuticals Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2005
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 14, 2005
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		May 9, 2005
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 9, 2005
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 13, 2006
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 15, 2006
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 20, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 14, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 1652	Related bill	May 13, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
109 HR 1539	Related bill	Apr 22, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Access to Legal Pharmaceuticals Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require any pharmacy receiving prescription drugs or prescription devices in interstate commerce to: (1) ensure that any in stock prescription that one pharmacist refuses to fill on the basis of a personal belief is filled by another pharmacist employed by the pharmacy without delay; (2) ensure that any individual who presents a prescription for an item that is not in stock which one pharmacist refuses to order on the basis of a personal belief is immediately informed that the product can be ordered by the pharmacy and to order such product without delay; and (3) not employ any pharmacist who engages in any conduct with the intent to prevent or deter an individual from filling a valid prescription, including refusing to return a prescription form, refusing to transfer a prescription, or subjecting the individual to humiliation or harassment.

Provides that this Act does not require the pharmacy to keep any particular product in stock nor does it apply with respect to a product for a health condition if the pharmacy does not keep in stock any product for such condition.

Sets forth civil penalties. Allows a private cause of action for a violation of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 14, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 14, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3685)
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