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Pharmaceutical Market Access and Drug Safety Act of 2009

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Sponsor

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Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 4, 2009
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Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 4, 2009
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Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 4, 2009
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 4, 2009
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Mar 4, 2009
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 4, 2009
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Mar 4, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 4, 2009
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 4, 2009
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 4, 2009
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 4, 2009
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 4, 2009
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 4, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 17, 2009
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Mar 17, 2009
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 23, 2009
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		May 7, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jul 14, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 4, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 3415	Related bill	May 25, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
111 S 1232	Identical bill	Jun 11, 2009: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 73.
111 HR 1298	Identical bill	Mar 5, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Mar 4, 2009)

Pharmaceutical Market Access and Drug Safety Act of 2009 - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) to revise provisions governing the importation of prescription drugs. Waives the limitation on importation of prescription drugs that have been exported from the United States.

Prohibits the importation of a qualifying drug unless such drug is imported by: (1) a registered importer; or (2) an individual for personal use.

Establishes registration conditions for importers and exporters. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to inspect places of business, verify chains of custody, inspect facilities, and determine compliance with registration conditions.

Sets forth provisions governing the importation of qualifying drugs that are different from U.S. label drugs, including standards for judging such differences.

Prohibits manufacturers from: (1) discriminating against registered exporters or importers; (2) causing there to be a difference in a prescription drug distributed in the United States and one distributed in a permitted country; (3) engaging in actions to restrict, prohibit, or delay the importation of a qualifying drug; or (4) engaging in any action that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) determines discriminates against a person that engages or attempts to engage in the importation of a qualifying drug.

States that the resale in the United States of prescription drugs that were properly sold abroad is not patent infringement.

Requires the Secretary to educate consumers regarding prescription drug importation.

Sets forth provisions governing the sale of prescription drugs through an Internet site. Includes the dispensing or selling of a prescription drug in violation of this Act as a prohibited act under FFDCA.

Prohibits the introduction of restricted transactions with unregistered foreign pharmacies into a payment system or the completion of such transactions using a payment system.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 5, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2780-2781)
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.