

## HR 6255

To require mail-order pharmacies to notify customers when generic drugs become available and to prevent mail-order pharmacies from substituting drugs without the express authorization of the prescriber.

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**Policy Area:** Commerce

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NH • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 29, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Requires a mail-order pharmacy to inform a customer to whom it dispenses a prescription brand name drug when a generic drug that is the pharmaceutical equivalent becomes available.

Permits a mail-order pharmacy to substitute a generic drug for a brand name drug or a brand name drug for a generic drug if the mail order pharmacy: (1) notifies the customer that the pharmacy will request that the prescriber provide an authorization to make such a substitution; and (2) after providing such notification, obtains the express written authorization of the prescriber of the drug to make such a substitution. Requires the prescriber to provide notice to the customer of an authorization.

Permits the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to assess civil penalties against a mail-order pharmacy for violations of this Act.

Declares that this Act preempts state laws to the extent any are inconsistent with this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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