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Online Pharmacy Safety Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Dec 15, 2011
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 15, 2011
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Dec 15, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 15, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 4095	Related bill	**Feb 28, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of Dec 15, 2011)

Online Pharmacy Safety Act - Amends the the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to permit the dispensing of drugs only pursuant to a "valid prescription" and requires such a prescription to include at least one in-person medical evaluation of the patient by a licensed health care practitioner.

Requires the the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a Registry of Legitimate Online Pharmacy Websites for the purpose of educating consumers and promoting public health and safety. Allows only those pharmacies designated as legitimate by the Secretary on the site. Sets forth criteria for determining the legitimacy of a pharmacy.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) engage in a campaign to educate consumers on the availability and use of the Registry to promote public health and safety; and (2) make consumer education materials available, on the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) website, regarding how to safely purchase drugs over the Internet.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 15, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 15, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8684-8685)
- **Dec 15, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8685-8687)

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