

## S 31

### Prescription Drug and Health Improvement Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 25, 2011

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S151-152)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S151-152) (Jan 25, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/31>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jan 25, 2011 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jan 25, 2011)

Prescription Drug and Health Improvement Act of 2011 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) with respect to prescription drug plans to repeal the prohibition against: (1) interference by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) with negotiations between drug manufacturers and pharmacies and prescription drug plan sponsors, and (2) requiring a particular formulary or instituting a price structure for the reimbursement of covered part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) drugs.

Grants the Secretary authority similar to that of other federal entities that purchase prescription drugs in bulk to negotiate contracts with manufacturers of covered part D drugs.

## Actions Timeline

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