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PACT Act

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Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 21, 2013
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Sep 30, 2013
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Nov 14, 2013
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 13, 2014
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 24, 2014
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 17, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 21, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 3969	Related bill	Feb 7, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Preventing Abuse of Cough Treatments Act of 2013 or PACT Act - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the sale or offering for sale of a drug containing dextromethorphan, and not subject to practitioner supervision requirements, to an individual under age 18, except if the sale is made: (1) pursuant to a validly issued prescription; or (2) to an individual who provides proof of being actively enrolled in the military, including a valid military identification card. Imposes civil monetary penalties that escalate upon repeated violation.

Deems to be adulterated any unfinished dextromethorphan that is possessed, received, or distributed in violation of this Act.

Prohibits a person from: (1) possessing or receiving unfinished dextromethorphan unless the person is registered with the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a producer of a drug or device or otherwise registered, licensed, or approved under federal or state law to engage in the practice of pharmacy, pharmaceutical production, or manufacture or distribution of drug ingredients; or (2) distributing unfinished dextromethorphan to any person other than a registered or otherwise authorized person. Excludes from such prohibitions common carriers that possess, receive, or distribute unfinished dextromethorphan for purposes of distributing it between registered, licensed, or approved persons. Imposes additional civil monetary penalties for such possession and distribution violations.

Actions Timeline

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