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Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1790	Related bill	Jul 16, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
114 HR 2228	Identical bill	May 8, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) to require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to promulgate regulations within 180 days permitting individuals to import a prescription drug purchased from an approved Canadian pharmacy that:

- is dispensed by a pharmacist licensed in Canada;
- is purchased for personal use in quantities not greater than a 90-day supply;
- is filled using a valid prescription issued by a physician licensed to practice in the United States; and
- has the same active ingredient or ingredients, route of administration, dosage form, and strength as a prescription drug approved under the FFDCA.

Sets forth exceptions, including for controlled substances and biological products.

Establishes a certification process for approving Canadian pharmacies. Requires HHS to publish a list of approved Canadian pharmacies.

Actions Timeline

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