

## S 1790

Safe and Affordable Prescription Drugs Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 16, 2015

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jul 16, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 16, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 122	Related bill	<b>Jan 8, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Safe and Affordable Prescription Drugs Act of 2015**

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 foreign pharmacy that:

- is dispensed by a pharmacist licensed in that country;
- 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 pharmacies in certain foreign countries. Requires HHS to publish a list of approved foreign pharmacies.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 16, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
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