

## HR 2228

### Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 1, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 8, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/2228>

## Sponsor

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Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Dec 3, 2015
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 10, 2016
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Sep 14, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 8, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

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

## **Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada 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 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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- **May 8, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 1, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.