

HR 1480

Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 10, 2017)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 9, 2017
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Mar 9, 2017
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Mar 9, 2017
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Dec 6, 2017
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Mar 7, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 92	Related bill	Jan 10, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 S 64	Identical bill	Jan 9, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2017

This bill 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 ingredients, route of administration, dosage form, and strength as a prescription drug approved under the FFDCA.

Certain medications may not be imported, including controlled substances and biological products.

The bill establishes a certification process for approving Canadian pharmacies. HHS must publish a list of approved Canadian pharmacies.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 9, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.