

## S 469

### Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 28, 2017

**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. (Feb 28, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/469>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

**Party:** Independent • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (22 total)

| Cosponsor                          | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]         | D · WI        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]    | D · CT        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]        | D · NJ        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]         | D · OH        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]        | D · WA        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]  | D · PA        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]            | D · MN        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]  | D · NH        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]       | D · NM        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]    | I · ME        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]         | D · MN        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]      | D · WV        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]             | D · RI        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]        | D · NH        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]       | D · MI        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]             | D · NM        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]      | D · MD        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]    | D · RI        |      | Feb 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]          | D · OR        |      | Mar 2, 2017  |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | Mar 29, 2017 |
| Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]      | D · CA        |      | Nov 15, 2018 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|--|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Feb 28, 2017 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 115 S 3411  | Related bill   | <b>Sep 5, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.  |
| 115 HR 1776 | Related bill   | <b>Apr 5, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.               |
| 115 S 771   | Related bill   | <b>Mar 29, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 115 HR 1245 | Identical bill | <b>Mar 3, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.               |

## Summary (as of Feb 28, 2017)

### Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act

This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to promulgate regulations within 180 days permitting wholesalers, pharmacies, and individuals to import certain prescription drugs from Canada. The FDA, within two years, may permit the importation of prescription drugs from other countries.

The bill establishes a process for certifying foreign sellers—a licensed foreign pharmacy or foreign wholesale distributor.

### Actions Timeline

- **Feb 28, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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