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Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **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	Jan 9, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1480	Identical bill	Mar 10, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 S 92	Related bill	Jan 10, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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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

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