

HR 478

Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jan 25, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Jan 10, 2019
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jan 16, 2019
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Mar 26, 2019
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Mar 26, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		May 10, 2019
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 10, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Aug 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3384	Related bill	Mar 3, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 S 61	Identical bill	Jan 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Jan 10, 2019)

Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2019

This bill requires the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to promulgate regulations within 180 days permitting individuals to import a prescription drug purchased from an approved Canadian pharmacy if the drug

- 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 by the FDA.

Under the bill, certain drugs may not be imported, including controlled substances and biological products.

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

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 10, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 10, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.