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Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 9, 2019
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 25, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 12, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 24, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 9, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3384	Related bill	<b>Mar 3, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 478	Identical bill	<b>Jan 25, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **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**

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