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Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 10, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1801	Related bill	Jun 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 1478	Related bill	Mar 1, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 447	Identical bill	Jan 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Jan 10, 2019)

Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act

This bill addresses the importation of drugs from Canada and other foreign countries.

The bill requires the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to promulgate regulations within 180 days permitting wholesalers, pharmacies, and individuals to import certain prescription drugs from Canada. After two years, The FDA, 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

- **Jan 10, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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