

## S 259

Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 8, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 5, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 832	Identical bill	<b>Feb 5, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2021**

This bill requires the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to allow for the personal importation of prescription drugs from Canada in certain instances.

Such a drug must (1) be purchased from an approved Canadian pharmacy and dispensed by a pharmacist licensed in Canada; (2) be purchased by an individual for personal use only and in quantities not to exceed a 90-day supply; (3) be filled using a valid prescription from a physician licensed in a U.S. state; and (4) have the same active ingredients, route of administration, dosage form, and strength as an FDA-approved drug. Certain types of drugs may not be imported under this program, such as controlled substances, biological products, or intravenously injected drugs.

An approved pharmacy under this program must be located and licensed in Canada and meet additional requirements, such as participation in ongoing and comprehensive quality assurance programs.

The FDA shall publish a list of approved Canadian pharmacies on a website.

## **Actions Timeline**

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