

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0113

Importation of prescription drugs-study.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Salazar, Barlow, Brown,
Burlingame, Gray, Hallinan, Harshman,
Jennings, Lindholm and Miller and Senator(s)
Biteman and James

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to food and drugs; requiring the department
2 of health to study the feasibility of a prescription drug
3 importation program for possible implementation in Wyoming;
4 requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) Not later than October 1, 2020, the department of
11 health shall complete a study on the feasibility of
12 establishing a prescription drug importation program for
13 distributing prescription drugs to voluntarily
14 participating, state-licensed pharmacies in Wyoming for

1 retail sale to persons in Wyoming with valid prescriptions.
2 As part of this study, the department shall consider the
3 following:

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5 (i) The potential savings Wyoming residents and
6 state agencies may gain from the implementation of a
7 prescription drug importation program;

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9 (ii) Which prescription drugs may have the
10 highest potential for consumer savings and budget savings
11 through importation;

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13 (iii) The need for any necessary federal
14 certification for implementation of a prescription drug
15 importation program in Wyoming, including complying with
16 the federal importation requirements of 21 U.S.C. § 384 and
17 the federal Drug Supply Chain Security Act and the
18 procedures necessary to achieve that certification;

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20 (iv) Any impacts that a prescription drug import
21 program may have on payers, pharmacies, other health care
22 providers and suppliers in Wyoming;

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1 (v) Any impacts that a prescription drug import
2 program may have on Wyoming consumers, including the impact
3 imported prescription drugs may have on overall consumer
4 costs and the impact imported drugs may have on the
5 accessibility of prescription drugs throughout Wyoming;

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7 (vi) The establishment of a process and any
8 necessary procedures for the department of health, the
9 state board of pharmacy and any other state agency involved
10 with the procurement and distribution of prescription drugs
11 for implementing a prescription drug importation program in
12 Wyoming;

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14 (vii) Any administrative costs, impacts and
15 savings to the department of health, the state board of
16 pharmacy and any other state agency that provides
17 healthcare to persons in Wyoming associated with the
18 implementation and supervision of a prescription drug
19 importation program in Wyoming.

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21 (b) Not later than October 1, 2020, the department of
22 health shall report to the joint labor, health and social
23 services interim committee on the results of the study

1 required by subsection (a) of this section. As part of this
2 report, the department of health shall recommend whether it
3 is feasible to implement a prescription drug importation
4 program in Wyoming and whether the program is likely to
5 result in significant savings to Wyoming state agencies and
6 consumers.

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8 (c) The joint labor, health and social services
9 interim committee may sponsor any legislation necessary to
10 implement the recommendations the department of health
11 makes as part of the study required under subsection (a) of
12 this section.

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14 (d) No state agency shall implement or seek federal
15 approval to implement a prescription drug importation
16 program in Wyoming without legislative authorization.

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18 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
19 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
20 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
21 Constitution.

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