

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION STUDY**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires the Department of Health to study and report on prescription drug importation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Department of Health to study the importation of certain prescription drugs;
- ▶ specifies study requirements, including determining how the state may become certified to operate a prescription drug importation program;
- ▶ requires the department to consult with certain persons; and
- ▶ requires the department to report its findings and recommendations.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Uncodified Material Affected:**

ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. **Prescription drug importation study.**



28           (1) The Department of Health shall study how to gain approval for the state of Utah to  
29 import certain prescription drugs from other countries for eventual consumption by Utah  
30 consumers.

31           (2) In the study the department shall:

32           (a) determine how the state of Utah can become certified by the United States Secretary  
33 of Health and Human Services to operate a prescription drug importation program;

34           (b) determine how to ensure that only drugs meeting United States Food and Drug  
35 Administration safety, effectiveness, and other standards are imported by the state;

36           (c) identify prescription drugs with the highest potential for consumer savings through  
37 importation;

38           (d) estimate potential consumer savings attributable to importation;

39           (e) determine with whom the state could contract to distribute imported drugs;

40           (f) determine how to limit the distribution of imported drugs to only Utahns who would  
41 benefit most from the associated savings;

42           (g) consult with the Utah State Board of Pharmacy created in Section [58-17b-201](#),  
43 representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, patient advocates, and others representing  
44 persons who could be affected by importation; and

45           (h) propose amendments to the Utah Code to facilitate importation by the state.

46           (3) The department shall report the department's findings and recommendations to the  
47 Health and Human Services Interim Committee before November 1, 2017.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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