

H.B. 267

PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM

Representative **Norman K. Thurston** proposes the following amendments:

1. Page 1, Lines 16 through 18:

- 16 • apply for approval of the prescription drug importation program; and
- 17 • if the program is approved, implement the provisions of the program; ~~{and}~~
- 18 { ~~if approval is denied, study how the state can obtain approval for the program;~~ }

2. Page 2, Line 37:

37 { ~~26-66-202, Utah Code Annotated 1953~~ }

3. Page 3, Line 89 through Page 4, Line 90:

- 89 (a) the findings of ~~{the}~~ any prescription drug importation study ~~{described in Section~~
90 26-66-202} that is available to the department ;

4. Page 4, Line 113 through Page 5, Line 142:

- 113 { ~~Section 4. Section 26-66-202 is enacted to read:~~
114 ~~26-66-202. Prescription drug importation study:~~
115 ~~(1) As funding is available, the department shall study how to gain approval by the~~
116 ~~secretary for the state to import certain prescription drugs from Canada for eventual use by~~
117 ~~Utah consumers.~~
118 ~~(2) The study described in Subsection (1) shall include:~~
119 ~~(a) a plan for operating the prescription drug importation program;~~
120 ~~(b) a plan to ensure that prescription drugs imported into the state under the~~
121 ~~prescription drug importation program meet applicable United States federal and state~~
122 ~~standards for safety and effectiveness;~~
123 ~~(c) examples of prescription drugs with the highest potential for consumer savings~~
124 ~~through importation at the time of the study;~~
125 ~~(d) an estimate of the total potential consumer savings attributable to importation of~~
126 ~~prescription drugs;~~
127 ~~(e) a list of potential wholesalers with whom the state could contract to distribute~~
128 ~~imported prescription drugs;~~
129 ~~(f) proposed amendments to state law to facilitate importation by the state; and~~
130 ~~(g) in coordination with the Office of the Attorney General, proposed amendments to~~
131 ~~state law to inhibit pharmaceutical manufacturers from manipulating the pharmaceutical~~

132 ~~market in the state or adversely affecting consumer access to pharmaceuticals under the~~
133 ~~prescription drug importation program:~~
134 ~~—— (3) The department shall consult with the Utah State Board of Pharmacy,~~
135 ~~representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, patient advocates, health insurers, and others~~
136 ~~representing persons who could be affected by the prescription drug importation program in~~
137 ~~conducting the study in this section:~~
138 ~~—— (4) No later than November 1, 2019, the department shall submit a written report to the~~
139 ~~Health and Human Services Interim Committee on the findings and recommendations of the~~
140 ~~study described in this section:~~
141 ~~—— (5) The department shall seek grant funding to conduct the study described in this~~
142 ~~section.}~~