
Health Care Committee

HB 1316

Brief Description: Allowing the importation of certain prescription drugs from Canadian wholesalers.

Sponsors: Representatives Schual-Berke, Simpson, Kessler, Morrell, Kilmer, Upthegrove, Clibborn, Hasegawa, Conway, Roberts, Takko, Moeller, Kagi, Dickerson, Campbell and Ormsby; by request of Governor Gregoire.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Board of Pharmacy to submit a Waiver request to the federal Food and Drug Administration to authorize Washington to license Canadian prescription drug wholesalers.

Hearing Date: 1/25/05

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

The Department of Health currently licenses pharmacies located in Washington state, and out-of-state pharmacies that provide services to Washington residents. The Department maintains reciprocal licensing agreements with other State's pharmacy licensing authorities. The Department does not license pharmacies located in foreign countries.

Summary of Bill:

The Board of Pharmacy is required to submit a Waiver request to the federal Food and Drug Administration authorizing Washington to license Canadian prescription drug wholesalers. If the Department is unable to develop a reciprocal licensing agreement with Health Canada or a Canadian province, it will license participating Canadian pharmacies through on-site inspection and certification.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on 1/20/05.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.