

HOUSE BILL No. 1228

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Prescription drug importation study. Requires the state department of health to conduct a study and report to the legislative council concerning a state prescription drug importation program through which the state would import certain prescription drugs, including insulin, from Canada for Indiana consumers.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019] (a) As used in this
- 2 SECTION, "prescription drugs" includes insulin.
- 3 (b) As used in this SECTION, "program" refers to a
- 4 prescription drug importation program through which the state
- 5 would import certain prescription drugs from Canada for use by
- 6 Indiana consumers.
- 7 (c) The state department of health shall conduct a study of the
- 8 manner by which the state may conduct a program, including the
- 9 following:
 - 10 (1) The procedure for certification of the state by the United
 - 11 States Secretary of Health and Human Services to operate a
 - 12 program.
 - 13 (2) Methods of ensuring that prescription drugs imported
 - 14 under a program meet the safety, effectiveness, and other
 - 15 standards of the Food and Drug Administration of the United
 - 16 States Department of Health and Human Services.
 - 17 (3) Identification of prescription drugs with the highest
 - 18 potential for consumer savings if imported through a



- 1 program.
- 2 (4) Estimation of potential consumer savings attributable to
- 3 a program.
- 4 (5) Determination of a state contracted distributor of
- 5 prescription drugs imported under a program.
- 6 (6) Determination of a method of limiting distribution of
- 7 prescription drugs imported under a program to Indiana
- 8 consumers who would most benefit from the potential
- 9 consumer savings.
- 10 (7) Consultation with:
- 11 (A) the professional licensing agency;
- 12 (B) pharmaceutical industry representatives;
- 13 (C) patient advocates; and
- 14 (D) other persons anticipated to be affected by a
- 15 prescription drug importation program.
- 16 (d) The state department of health shall, not later than
- 17 November 1, 2019, report the following to the legislative council in
- 18 an electronic format under IC 5-14-6:
- 19 (1) The results of the study conducted under this SECTION.
- 20 (2) Recommendation for any proposed legislation to facilitate
- 21 establishment and implementation of a program.
- 22 (e) This SECTION expires July 1, 2020.

