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Act No. 133 (S.175). Health; prescription drugs; wholesale importation

An act relating to the wholesale importation of prescription drugs into Vermont

This act directs the Agency of Human Services, in consultation with interested stakeholders and appropriate federal officials, to design a program for wholesale importation of prescription drugs into Vermont from Canada that complies with federal requirements. The proposed design must be submitted to the General Assembly by January 1, 2019, and the Agency must apply to the federal government by July 1, 2019 for certification of the program. The program cannot be implemented until the General Assembly enacts legislation establishing a charge per prescription or another method of financial support for the program. The Agency must begin implementing the program upon the last to occur of the General Assembly enacting a method of financial support and receipt of federal certification and approval, with program operations commencing within six months after implementation begins. The Agency must report annually to the legislative committees of jurisdiction regarding operation of the program during the previous calendar year. The act specifies that the Agency is required to design the program only to the extent that funds are appropriated for that purpose in the 2019 budget act or are otherwise made available.

Effective Date: July 1, 2018