

HB 2652 -- DRUG WHOLESALE IMPORTATION PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Lavender

This bill authorizes the Department of Health and Senior Services to develop by January 1, 2021, a plan for implementing a Canadian prescription drug importation program as specified in the bill. The program will allow Missouri residents to access safe pharmaceuticals at a lower cost and will sunset in six years after the effective date.

The costs of the program shall be covered by fees on the prescription drugs, or other appropriate approach, but shall not jeopardize consumer savings. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall use a sound methodology to select drugs eligible for importation based on savings, safety, and attention to all federal laws, including patent laws on branded products.