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2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 **Relating to:** strongly urging Congress and the Administration to enact the
2 Pharmaceutical Market Access Act or similar legislation allowing individuals
3 and pharmacies in the United States to import and re-import prescription
4 medications purchased in other countries that have regulatory safeguards for
5 the manufacture and distribution of drugs comparable to regulatory
6 safeguards in the United States.

7 Whereas, the practice of medicine has undergone a shift toward more
8 utilization of outpatient prescription medications for patients who in previous years
9 would have been hospitalized; and

10 Whereas, expenses for outpatient prescribed medicines increased from \$72.3
11 billion in 1997, or 13 percent of total medical expenses, to \$103 billion in 2000, 16
12 percent of total medical expenses; and

13 Whereas, between 1990 and 2001, prescription drug spending in the United
14 States grew by about 12 percent per year; and

1 Whereas, Americans pay drug prices that are 30 to 300 percent higher than
2 prices paid for the same drugs in European and other industrialized nations, and
3 Canadian drug prices are on average 68 percent lower than American prices; and

4 Whereas, individuals, from young adults to senior citizens, without
5 prescription drug coverage pay the highest prices for prescription drugs and
6 frequently leave their prescriptions unfilled, compromising their health and leading
7 to more costly medical intervention; and

8 Whereas, the estimated cost of prescription drug benefits for participants in
9 state employee health insurance plans is \$125 million annually and the cost of
10 prescription medications purchased for Wisconsin prison inmates is \$12 million
11 annually; and

12 Whereas, if the medications in those ² programs were purchased at the
13 Canadian prices, the savings to Wisconsin taxpayers would be \$83 million; and

14 Whereas, taxpayers and individuals with no or inadequate health insurance
15 need relief from the high cost of prescription drugs; and

16 Whereas, Congress twice has passed legislation to allow American pharmacists
17 and drug wholesalers to import ^{xx} FDA-approved drugs from other countries, but the

18 Department of Health and Human Services has declined to implement a drug import
19 program; and ^{Federal U.S.}

20 Whereas, as part of Medicare legislation being developed in Congress, the
21 ^{U.S.} House of Representatives passed the Pharmaceutical Market Access Act, which

22 requires the ^{Federal} Food and Drug Administration, within 180 days of enactment, to design
23 and implement a system to grant individuals, pharmacists, and wholesalers in

24 America the ability to import ^{xx} FDA-approved drugs from ^{xx} FDA-approved
25 manufacturing facilities in 26 industrialized nations; and

1 Whereas, this provision would also require imported medicine to be shipped in
2 anti~~t~~ampering and anti~~c~~ounterfeit packaging; now, therefore, be it

3 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the Wisconsin
4 Legislature strongly urges Congress and the Administration to enact the
5 Pharmaceutical Market Access Act or similar legislation allowing individuals and
6 pharmacies in the United States to import and re~~i~~port prescription medications
7 purchased in other countries that have regulatory safeguards for the manufacture
8 and distribution of drugs comparable to regulatory safeguards in the United States;
9 and, be it further

10 **Resolved, That** the Wisconsin Legislature urges Congress and the
11 Administration to develop long-term solutions to bring down the price of
12 prescription medications so ^{that} we do not have to rely on imports; and, be it further

13 **Resolved, That** the senate chief clerk provide a copy of this joint resolution to
14 the President of the United States, ^{to} the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health
15 and Family Services, and ^{to} all members of Congress from Wisconsin.

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