



Generic Drug Bills in 111th Congress

The 111th Congress has introduced the following bills below to ensure consumers have continued access to generic drugs:

➤ **Promoting Innovation and Access to Life-Saving Medicine Act (H.R. 1427 & S. 726)**

Provides for the licensing of biosimilar and biogeneric biological products (i.e. generic biologics), and for other purposes.

➤ **Generics First Act of 2009 (S. 75)**

Amends the Social Security Act to require the use of generic drugs under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program when available unless the brand name drug is determined to be medically necessary.

➤ **Prohibit the Marketing of Authorized Generic Drugs (H.R. 573)**

Prohibits generic manufacturers from selling brand-name manufacturers' products (e.g. authorized generics) until the expiration or forfeiture of the exclusivity period granted to true generic manufacturers. Currently this practice decreases incentives for true generic drugs to come to market.

➤ **Preserve Access to Affordable Generics Act (S. 369)**

Prohibits brand-name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies for delaying introduction of new generic drugs into the market.

➤ **Fair Prescription Drug Competition Act (S. 501)**

Prohibits brand-name drug companies from selling an “authorized” generic drug until the expiration or forfeiture of the exclusivity period granted to true generic manufacturers.

➤ **Pathway for Biosimilars Act (H.R. 1548)**

Provides for the licensing of biosimilar and biogeneric biological products (i.e. generic biologics), and for other purposes.

➤ **America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009 (H.R. 3200)**

Includes provisions that would allow for the licensing of biosimilar and biogeneric biological products (i.e. generic biologics), and for other purposes.

➤ **Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009 (Reported Bill from Senate Health Education, Labor and Pension Committee)**

Includes provisions that would allow for the licensing of biosimilar and biogeneric biological products (i.e. generic biologics), and for other purposes.