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Generic Drug Bills in 111th Congress



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

➤ **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590)**

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

Note: Signed into law on March 23, 2010 (P.L. 111-148)

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

Provides for the licensing of biosimilar and biogeneric biological products (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. The Act would require the use of generic drugs, 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 (authorized generics) until the expiration or forfeiture of the exclusivity period granted to generic manufacturers. Currently, this practice decreases incentives for 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 a generic drug into the market.

➤ **Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2009 (H.R. 1706)**

Prohibits brand-name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies for delaying the entry of a generic drug into the market.