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S.B. No. 601

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to importing prescription drugs for use in state-funded
3 programs that provide health care services or benefits.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. PRESCRIPTION DRUG STUDY. (a) In this section,
6 "system" means the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

7 (b) The system shall conduct a detailed study to determine
8 whether importing prescription drugs from a foreign country for use
9 in the state employees group benefits program would be safe,
10 feasible, and cost-effective.

11 (c) The system may:

12 (1) enter into interagency contracts with other state
13 agencies to extend the study to other state-funded programs that
14 provide health care services or benefits; and

15 (2) consult with other state agencies, as appropriate.

16 (d) Not later than September 1, 2006, the system shall
17 report the results of the study, including proposed legislation
18 necessary to implement any recommendations contained in the report,
19 to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
20 representatives, and appropriate standing committees of the
21 legislature.

22 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires December 31, 2006.

23 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
24 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members

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1 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
3 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.