

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 601
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 18, 2005; March 1, 2005,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 18, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to importing prescription drugs for use in state-funded
1-9 programs that provide health care services or benefits.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. PRESCRIPTION DRUG STUDY. (a) In this section,
1-12 "system" means the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

1-13 (b) The system shall conduct a detailed study to determine
1-14 whether importing prescription drugs from a foreign country for use
1-15 in the state employees group benefits program would be safe,
1-16 feasible, and cost-effective.

1-17 (c) The system may:

1-18 (1) enter into interagency contracts with other state
1-19 agencies to extend the study to other state-funded programs that
1-20 provide health care services or benefits; and

1-21 (2) consult with other state agencies, as appropriate.

1-22 (d) Not later than September 1, 2006, the system shall
1-23 report the results of the study, including proposed legislation
1-24 necessary to implement any recommendations contained in the report,
1-25 to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
1-26 representatives, and appropriate standing committees of the
1-27 legislature.

1-28 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires December 31, 2006.

1-29 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
1-30 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
1-31 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
1-32 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
1-33 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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