

BOARD OF PHARMACY

SB37 & HB9:

Why license wholesale drug distributors?

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Why license out-of-state wholesale drug distributors?

Every U.S. jurisdiction except Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Utah, and Massachusetts requires nonresident wholesale distributors to obtain licensure.

Without licensure of out-of-state wholesale drug distributors:

- Federal government will take over regulation for Alaska under the Drug Supply Chain Security Act and Drug Quality and Security Acts of 2013
- Drug diverters will exploit this absence of regulation of medication in Alaska
- The longer we wait, the longer we will be facing increased risks to supply chain security and patient safety

National Call to Action



2012: New England Compounding Center (NECC) acted as an unlicensed manufacturer, creating steroid medication that was mislabeled, unsanitary, or contaminated.

A multi-state outbreak of fungal meningitis occurred as a result. **64 people died of meningitis, and over 800 were sickened.**



NABP®

What Do Counterfeit Drugs Look Like?

They are hard to detect!



Trail of Counterfeit Avastin® (bevacizumab)

A Murky Path

The convoluted route of the fake Avastin found in February raises questions about oversight of the fragmented global pharmaceutical trade.



Newsweek – 9/25/15: Chinese law enforcement official walks on a mountain of counterfeit drugs

