

House Resolution 1232

By: Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Beverly of the 143rd, Stoner of the 40th, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the State of Georgia to take swift actions including enabling legislation as may be
2 indicated to import some prescription drugs from Canada to lower the cost of drug prices in
3 Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) on January 5, 2024, approved Florida's
5 request to import prescription drugs from Canada to rein in drug prices in the state, which
6 will save Florida up to \$180 million in the first year; and

7 WHEREAS, Colorado and other states have submitted applications to the federal government
8 for approval of their drug importation programs to provide lower-cost access to medications;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia consumers pay some of the highest prescription drug prices in the
11 world, and it is estimated that Georgia consumers pay twice as much as the amount Canadian
12 consumers pay for patented prescription drugs and 20 percent more for generic drugs; and

13 WHEREAS, federal law, as codified in 21 U.S.C. sec 384, authorizes the secretary of the
14 United States Department of Health and Human services to allow wholesale importation of

15 prescription drugs from Canada if such importation is shown to be both safe and less costly
16 for United States consumers; and

17 WHEREAS, Section 804 Importation Program (SIP), a program under Section 804 of the
18 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, has been added and has been authorized by the FDA
19 for the importation of eligible prescription drugs from Canada; and

20 WHEREAS, a wholesale drug importation program for the exclusive benefit of Georgia
21 residents should be designed and implemented to provide Georgia consumers access to safe
22 and less expensive prescription drugs.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body urge the State of Georgia to take swift actions including enabling
25 legislation as may be indicated to import some prescription drugs from Canada to lower the
26 cost of drug prices in Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
29 members of the Georgia General Assembly.