

Guard DSHEA From the Pharma Cartel!

The passage of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA) in the United States in 1994 was arguably the single most important legislative development in the history of health freedom. Since 1994, interest in natural healthcare therapies has grown dramatically in the U.S. to the point where it is now estimated that 70 percent of the population use dietary supplements at least occasionally, and 40 percent use them on a regular basis. The pharmaceutical investment industry, which many health freedom advocates refer to as the "Pharma Cartel," is actively supporting legislation that undermines DSHEA.

Bills pending before Congress that threaten DSHEA and must be opposed to protect our health freedom include:

- **H.R. 3156** (the Dietary Supplement Access and Awareness Act) would severely and negatively impact DSHEA by giving the FDA the authority to ban large numbers of dietary supplements or dietary ingredients from the market if they fail unreasonable and arbitrary risk/benefit assessments.
- **S. 729/H.R. 1507** (the Safe Food Act of 2005) would create a new federal food safety agency and undermine DSHEA by reclassifying supplements and regulating them as drugs.
- **H.R. 2485** (the DSHEA Full Implementation and Enforcement Act of 2005) would give the FDA an extra \$205 million between now and 2010 to regulate dietary supplements on the dubious grounds that it has not adequately used its authority to enforce DSHEA due to a lack of resources.
- **H.R. 2510** (the Dietary Supplement Regulatory Implementation Act of 2005), similar to H.R. 2485, would appropriate an extra \$205 million to the FDA to regulate dietary supplements.

Bills pending before Congress that must be supported to protect our health freedom include:

- **H.R. 2352** (the Consumers' Access to Health Information Act) would codify into law the right for natural product retailers and manufacturers to legally discuss the many benefits of natural health products.
- **H.R. 2486** (the Dietary Supplement Tax Fairness Act of 2005) would allow the costs of purchasing dietary supplements to be treated as medical expenses under federal law.
- **H.R. 4282** (the Health Freedom Protection Act) would prevent the FDA from censoring Americans' right to truthful information about the health-enhancing benefits of foods and dietary ingredients.
- **H.R. 1545** (the Dietary Supplement and Healthy Meal Replacement Tax Parity Act of 2005) would allow people to claim a medical expense deduction for meal-replacement and dietary-supplement products that qualify, or will in the future, for FDA-approved health claims.

The future of your health freedom is up to YOU!

Join with Matthias Rath, M.D., the non-profit Dr. Rath Health Foundation, and health freedom activists nationwide to DEFEAT the Pharma Cartel's efforts to undermine DSHEA!

"I have known Dr. Rath for over 15 years. He has always been a fighter for health freedom and, even more, he has done scientific studies to prove that point. He has taken on governments with his own money and effort and won battles. He has done this in spite of fierce opposition. We, as natural health advocates, of necessity have this same battle. Dr. Rath is one of our heroes and a fellow warrior."

-Joseph Bassett, past president of several national health food organizations, including the NNFA

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