H.R. 1919 passed the House of Representatives on June 3, 2013, by voice vote. This bill addresses the patchwork of state pharmaceutical pedigree laws. The bipartisan legislation is sponsored by Congressmen Latta (R-OH) and Matheson (D-UT) and had 16 additional cosponsors, including Chairman Upton (R-MI) of the Energy and Commerce Committee and several other Committee members. The Senate must also pass legislation and plans to consider S. 957 later this summer.

**Section 1: Short Title**
Safeguarding America’s Pharmaceuticals Act of 2013

**Section 2: Pharmaceutical Distribution Supply Chain**
- Lot-level tracing requirements would be established for manufacturers, wholesale distributors, pharmacies, and repackagers based on changes in ownership.
- Transaction history and information would be required to be passed through the supply chain in a uniform manner.
- Members of the supply chain, including third-party logistics provider, would undertake verification and notification activities regarding suspect or illegitimate products.
- Members of the supply chain would only be permitted to transact with registered or licensed entities.
- Manufacturers would have to serialize prescription drugs at the unit-level within five years of enactment of the legislation.

**Section 3: Enhanced Drug Distribution Security**
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA) would establish pilot projects and hold biannual public meetings in order to foster collaboration with stakeholders regarding moving to unit-level traceability.
- The Government Accountability Office (GAO) and FDA would submit reports to Congress on those same subjects.
- The FDA would issue a proposed regulation on unit-level traceability by 2027.

**Sections 4 & 5: National Licensure Standards**
- Establishes national licensure standards for wholesale distributors and third-party logistics providers, preempting state requirements while preserving the ability of the states to collect licensing fees.

**Section 6: Penalties**
- Penalties are established for violations of the requirements set forth in the bill.

**Section 7: Uniform National Policy**
- Preempts state laws on the tracing of drugs upon enactment, as well as preempts state licensing requirements for wholesale distributors and third-party logistics providers.

**Section 8: Electronic Labeling Requirement**
- Prescription drug labeling could be provided through electronic means.