

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 344

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1 Amend Resolution, page 1, lines 1 through 4, by striking out  
2 all of said lines and inserting  
3 Urging pharmaceutical companies, manufacturers and distributors  
4 of prescription opioid drugs to fully cooperate with the  
5 Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General in reaching financial  
6 settlements and legal resolutions that reflect the severe,  
7 irreversible harm suffered by tens of thousands of  
8 Pennsylvania families who have lost loved ones to the opioid  
9 crisis and to substance use disorder.

10 Amend Resolution, page 1, lines 9 and 10, by striking out  
11 "and the" and inserting a comma

12 Amend Resolution, page 1, line 10, by striking out "opioid"  
13 and inserting  
14 opioids, including

15 Amend Resolution, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "and"  
16 carfentanyl, and

17 Amend Resolution, page 3, line 12, by striking out  
18 "addiction" and inserting  
19 substance use disorder

20 Amend Resolution, page 3, line 15, by striking out "the"  
21 where it occurs the second time

22 Amend Resolution, page 3, line 23, by striking out "crisis"  
23 and inserting  
24 epidemic

25 Amend Resolution, page 3, line 23, by striking out "epidemic"  
26 and inserting

1 crisis  
2 Amend Resolution, page 3, line 29, by inserting after "to"  
3 prescription  
4 Amend Resolution, page 4, line 26, by inserting after "of"  
5 prescription  
6 Amend Resolution, page 4, line 28, by striking out "epidemic"  
7 and inserting  
8 crisis  
9 Amend Resolution, page 5, line 3, by striking out "five" and  
10 inserting  
11 eight  
12 Amend Resolution, page 5, line 14, by inserting after  
13 "individuals"  
14 and companies  
15 Amend Resolution, page 5, line 14, by inserting after "who"  
16 produce,  
17 Amend Resolution, page 5, line 14, by inserting after  
18 "supply"  
19 and distribute  
20 Amend Resolution, page 5, line 15, by striking out "to co-  
21 conspirators"  
  
22 Amend Resolution, page 5, lines 23 and 24, by striking out  
23 "section 841 of Title 18 of the United States Code" and  
24 inserting  
25 codified at 18 U.S.C. § 842  
26 Amend Resolution, page 5, line 26, by inserting after  
27 "manufacturers"  
28 of prescription opioids  
29 Amend Resolution, page 6, line 5, by striking out "Certain"  
30 and inserting  
31 It was reported that during the last decade, certain

1 Amend Resolution, page 6, lines 5 and 6, by striking out "and  
2 continue to spend"

3 Amend Resolution, page 6, line 19, by striking out "opioid  
4 medications" and inserting  
5 prescription opioids

6 Amend Resolution, page 6, line 19, by inserting after  
7 "companies,"

8 manufacturers and

9 Amend Resolution, page 6, lines 19 and 20, by striking out  
10 "and manufacturers have"

11 Amend Resolution, page 6, line 20, by inserting after "and"  
12 , in some cases,

13 Amend Resolution, page 6, lines 24 through 30, by striking  
14 out all of said lines

15 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 1, by inserting after  
16 "companies,"

17 manufacturers and

18 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 2, by striking out "and  
19 manufacturers" and inserting  
20 of prescription opioids

21 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 2, by striking out "be ending"  
22 and inserting

23 end

24 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 3, by inserting after "of"  
25 marketing and

26 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 3, by striking out "opioid  
27 medications" and inserting

28 the use of prescription opioids

29 Amend Resolution, page 7, lines 3 and 4, by striking out  
30 "prescribers through" and inserting

1 health care providers by  
2 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 4, by striking out "this  
3 process" and inserting  
4 the aggressive marketing of prescription opioids  
5 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 4, by striking out "occur" and  
6 inserting  
7 cease  
8 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 9, by inserting after  
9 "protect"  
10 the health, safety and general welfare of  
11 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 12, by inserting after  
12 "companies,"  
13 manufacturers and  
14 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 12, by striking out "and  
15 manufacturers," and inserting  
16 of prescription opioids,  
17 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 16, by striking out "and" and  
18 inserting a comma  
19 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 17, by inserting after  
20 "manufacturers"  
21 and distributors of prescription drugs  
22 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 17, by striking out "epidemic"  
23 and inserting  
24 crisis  
25 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 27, by striking out ", and is  
26 currently pending"  
27 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 28, by inserting after  
28 "companies,"  
29 manufacturers and  
30 Amend Resolution, page 7, line 28, by striking out "and"

1 manufacturers" and inserting  
2 of prescription opioids  
3 Amend Resolution, page 8, line 1, by striking out "those who"  
4 and inserting  
5 the pharmaceutical companies, manufacturers and distributors  
6 that  
7 Amend Resolution, page 8, line 8, by inserting after "of"  
8 prescription  
9 Amend Resolution, page 8, lines 9 through 30; page 9, lines 1  
10 through 3; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and  
11 inserting

12 WHEREAS, In 2019, the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General  
13 filed two lawsuits against Purdue Pharma, accusing the company  
14 and its owners of a multifaceted, illegal effort to market  
15 OxyContin in this Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, Purdue Pharma filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in  
17 September 2019 as part of a tentative deal to settle more than  
18 2,000 opioid lawsuits filed by states, local governments and  
19 Native American tribes; and

20 WHEREAS, A collaborative 41-state investigation led by the  
21 Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General resulted in a \$48  
22 billion agreement in principle from Cardinal Health, McKesson,  
23 AmerisourceBergen, Johnson & Johnson and Teva for their roles in  
24 fueling the opioid crisis; and

25 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth will receive more than \$53 million  
26 as part of a nationwide settlement against Reckitt Benckiser  
27 Group for the improper marketing of Suboxone and practices to  
28 defraud Medicaid systems in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the  
30 pharmaceutical companies, manufacturers and distributors of  
31 prescription opioid drugs to fully cooperate with the  
32 Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General in reaching financial  
33 settlements and legal resolutions that reflect the severe,  
34 irreversible harm suffered by tens of thousands of Pennsylvania  
35 families who have lost loved ones to the opioid crisis and to  
36 substance use disorder; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives applaud the work  
38 of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General in combating the  
39 opioid crisis in Pennsylvania through its ongoing bipartisan,  
40 multistate investigation and litigation in pursuit of justice  
41 for the individuals and families across this Commonwealth that  
42 have been affected; and be it further

43 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the  
44 Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, as the top law

1 enforcement officer in this Commonwealth, to continue to pursue  
2 all available legal remedies to hold the pharmaceutical  
3 companies, manufacturers and distributors of prescription  
4 opioids accountable for their practices that caused or  
5 contributed to the opioid crisis in this Commonwealth.