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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, SEPTEMBER 17, 1980

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AN ACT

1 Legalizing the production, procurement, distribution and  
2 dispensing of dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) under certain  
3 circumstances.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Therapeutic  
8 Research Act."

9 Section 2. Findings.

10 The General Assembly finds that recent research has shown  
11 that the use of dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) is effective in the  
12 treatment of arthritis and other pain causing conditions related  
13 to inflammation of the joints.

14 Section 3. Limited legalization.

15 It shall be lawful to produce, distribute, prescribe and  
16 dispense dimethyl sulfoxide. The production and distribution  
17 shall be in Pennsylvania. Prescribing its use shall be by  
18 licensed medical practitioners. Dispensing of it shall be by

1 hospitals and pharmacies. Its distribution to hospitals and  
2 pharmacies shall not be construed a violation of the act of  
3 April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as "The Controlled  
4 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act."

5 Section 3. Research and dispensing.

6 Licensed medical practitioners may dispense dimethyl  
7 sulfoxide (DMSO) and conduct research in its use in the  
8 treatment of scleroderma, injuries of the joints, rheumatoid  
9 arthritis and osteoarthritis.

10 Section 4. Repeals.

11 All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed.

12 Section 5. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect in 60 days.