

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 655

Sponsor: SENATOR BAKER

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "for"
2 definitions, providing for Pennsylvania Safe Effective Opioid
3 Prescribing Advisory Council and further providing for
4 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 14 through 16, by striking out all
5 of said lines and inserting

6 Section 1. Section 2(b) of the act of April 14, 1972
7 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug,
8 Device and Cosmetic Act, is amended by adding a definition to
9 read:

10 Section 2. Definitions.--* * *

11 (b) As used in this act:

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13 "Advisory council" means the Pennsylvania Safe and Effective
14 Opioid Prescribing Advisory Council.

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16 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

17 Section 31.1. Pennsylvania Safe and Effective Opioid
18 Prescribing Advisory Council.--(a) There is established the
19 Pennsylvania Safe and Effective Opioid Prescribing Advisory
20 Council within the Department of Health.

21 (b) The advisory council shall consist of the following
22 members:

23 (1) The Secretary of Health or the secretary's designee.

24 (2) The Secretary of Human Services or the secretary's
25 designee.

26 (3) The Secretary of Drug and Alcohol Programs or the
27 secretary's designee.

28 (4) The Secretary of Aging or the secretary's designee.

29 (5) The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee.

30 (6) The Physician General or the Physician General's
31 designee.

32 (7) The following members appointed by the Governor:

33 (i) Two representatives of a Statewide organization
34 representing the interests of physicians.

35 (ii) Two representatives of a Statewide organization
36 representing the interests of hospitals and health systems.

37 (iii) Two representatives of a Statewide organization

1 representing the interests of dentists.
2 (iv) Two representatives of a Statewide organization
3 representing the interests of nursing professionals.
4 (v) One representative of the Department of Military and
5 Veterans Affairs.
6 (vi) One representative of a regional health care provider
7 based in western Pennsylvania.
8 (vii) One representative of a regional health care provider
9 based in northeastern Pennsylvania.
10 (viii) One representative of a regional health care provider
11 based in central Pennsylvania.
12 (ix) One representative of a regional health care provider
13 of osteopathic medicine based in southeastern Pennsylvania.
14 (x) One representative of an alcohol and chemical dependency
15 treatment center located in northeastern Pennsylvania.
16 (xi) One representative of a Statewide organization
17 representing family physicians.
18 (xii) One representative of a Statewide organization
19 representing the profession of psychiatry.
20 (xiii) One representative of a national organization
21 representing addiction medicine professionals.
22 (xiv) One representative of a Statewide organization
23 representing the interests of drug and alcohol service
24 providers.
25 (xv) One representative of a Statewide organization
26 representing coroners.
27 (c) The advisory council shall elect a chairperson from
28 among its members.
29 (d) The advisory council shall meet upon the call of the
30 chairperson, but not less than semiannually. A simple majority
31 of the members shall constitute a quorum.
32 (e) (1) The members of the advisory council shall serve
33 two-year terms commencing with the first Tuesday in January of
34 odd-numbered years and may be reappointed upon reelection to
35 office.
36 (2) Of the initial members appointed by the Governor, nine
37 members shall serve initial terms of one year, and ten members
38 shall serve initial terms of two years. After the initial term,
39 an individual appointed by the Governor shall serve for a term
40 of three years. Individuals appointed by the Governor may be
41 appointed to successive terms.
42 (f) A vacancy on the advisory council shall be filled for
43 the remainder of an unexpired term in the same manner as the
44 original appointment. A member, upon expiration of the term,
45 shall continue to hold office until a successor is appointed.
46 (g) A majority of the membership of the advisory council
47 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
48 Action may be taken on a matter before the advisory council by a
49 majority vote of the full membership of the advisory council.
50 (h) An advisory council member may not receive compensation
51 for his services, but shall be reimbursed for all necessary

1 travel and other reasonable expenses incurred in connection with
2 the performance of his duties as a member.

3 (i) The advisory council shall examine and make
4 recommendations regarding opioid prescribing and dispensing
5 practices and related policies implemented by the department.

6 (j) The advisory council shall annually issue a report of
7 its activities and recommendations to all of the following:

8 (1) The Governor.

9 (2) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
10 Health and Human Services Committee of the Senate.

11 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Health
12 Committee of the House of Representatives.

13 (4) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Human
14 Services Committee of the House of Representatives.

15 (5) The Secretary of Health.

16 (6) The Secretary of Human Services.

17 (7) The Secretary of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

18 (8) The Secretary of Aging.

19 (k) The department shall provide administrative support,
20 office space and any other technical assistance required by the
21 advisory council to carry out its duties.

22 Section 3. Section 35 of the act is amended by adding
23 subsections to read:

24 Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by striking out "secretary" and
25 inserting

26 department

27 Amend Bill, page 1, line 20, by inserting after "opioids"
28 consistent with the prescribing guidelines issued by the
29 Safe and Effective Prescribing Practices Task Force

30 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

31 In promulgating the regulations, the department shall follow
32 the recommendations of the advisory council issued under section
33 31.1.

34 Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by striking out "2" and
35 inserting

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