

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.