

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 659 Session of 2014

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 18, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing the task force on ~~opiate~~ OPIOID prescription drug <--
2 proliferation and its impact on heroin use in this
3 Commonwealth; and creating an advisory committee.

4 WHEREAS, The United States makes up 4.5% of the world's
5 population; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States consumes 80% of the ~~opiate~~ OPIOID <--
7 prescription drugs; and

8 WHEREAS, The human suffering associated with addiction for
9 affected families has now reached epidemic proportions; and

10 WHEREAS, Criminal court dockets are crowded with people who
11 are living with an addiction to prescription drugs; and

12 WHEREAS, The death toll is surging from ~~opiate~~ OPIOID <--
13 prescription drug overdoses; and

14 WHEREAS, Those who become addicted to prescription drugs,
15 left untreated, tend to shift to abusing heroin, and this has
16 resulted in a huge increase in heroin use across this

1 Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, The proliferation of ~~opiate~~ OPIOID prescription drug <--
3 abuse has become a crisis; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
5 State Government Commission to establish a task force on ~~opiate~~ <--
6 OPIOID prescription drug proliferation; and be it further <--

7 RESOLVED, That the task force consist of four members
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two
9 appointed in consultation with the Majority Leader and two
10 appointed in consultation with the Minority Leader; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission create
13 an advisory committee, including, but not limited to, the
14 following individuals:

15 (1) A representative recommended by the Department of
16 Drug and Alcohol Programs.

17 (2) A representative recommended by the Department of
18 Public Welfare.

19 (3) A representative recommended by the Insurance
20 Department.

21 (4) A physician recommended by the Department of Health.

22 (5) A representative recommended by the State Board of
23 Pharmacy.

24 (6) A representative recommended by the Attorney
25 General.

26 (7) A representative recommended by the Pennsylvania
27 Fraternal Order of Police.

28 (8) A representative recommended by the Pennsylvania
29 Athletic Oversight Committee.

30 (9) Two physicians recommended by the Pennsylvania

1 Medical Society, one of whom holds membership in the American
2 Society of Addiction Medicine and the other who is a
3 physician with expertise in chronic pain management and
4 treatment.

5 (10) A physician who is a member of the Pennsylvania
6 Psychiatric Society specializing in addiction psychiatry.

7 (11) A representative recommended by the Drug and
8 Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania.

9 (12) A representative recommended by the Pennsylvania
10 Recovery Organizations Alliance.

11 (13) A REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA <--
12 ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID DEPENDENCE.

13 ~~(13)~~ (14) A representative recommended by a manufacturer <--
14 of opioid drugs.

15 (15) A WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDED <--
16 BY THE HEALTHCARE DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

17 ~~(14)~~ (16) A representative recommended by the <--
18 Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association.

19 (17) THE COMMISSIONER OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE OR <--
20 HIS DESIGNEE.

21 ~~(15)~~ (18) A representative recommended by the <--
22 Pennsylvania Coroners Association.

23 ~~(16)~~ (19) A representative of chronic pain patients <--
24 recommended by a physician with expertise in chronic pain
25 management.

26 ~~(17)~~ (20) A representative of ~~pharmacists~~ PHARMACIES <--
27 recommended by the Pennsylvania Association of Chain Drug
28 Stores.

29 ~~(18)~~ (21) A representative of ~~pharmacies~~ PHARMACISTS <--
30 recommended by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association.

