
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the use of performance-enhancing drugs by athletes,
2 rebuking any organization that knowingly allows or encourages
3 athletes to use performance-enhancing drugs and urging all
4 high school and college coaches and athletic directors in
5 this Commonwealth to educate themselves and their athletes
6 about the dangers of performance-enhancing drugs.

7 WHEREAS, Use of performance-enhancing drugs, commonly
8 referred to as doping, is rampant among some professional
9 athletes, especially those participating in strongman
10 competitions, such as World's Strongest Man owned by IMG, Arnold
11 Sports Festival, Arnold Classic, Arnold Fitness EXPO, Arnold
12 Strongman Classic, America's Strongest Man, Arnold Amateur
13 Strongman World Championships, and other similar events
14 sponsored by North American Strongman, United States Strongman,
15 International Powerlifting Association, Starting Strongman,
16 Westside Barbell, Joe Weider Enterprise, International
17 Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness, American Strongman
18 Corporation, Strongman Corporation, Olympia Strongman Challenge,
19 Strongman Champions League, National Physique Committee, World
20 Wrestling Entertainment, Giants Live, Official Strongman, Rogue

1 Fitness and the Xtreme Powerlifting Coalition; and

2 WHEREAS, The use of performance-enhancing drugs, including
3 anabolic steroids, androstenedione, human growth hormone,
4 erythropoietin, diuretics and stimulants, poses serious health
5 risks, such as the increased chance of suffering a heart attack
6 or stroke, developing liver and other cancers and triggering
7 mood and hormonal imbalances; and

8 WHEREAS, Knowingly allowing or encouraging athletes to use
9 performance-enhancing drugs jeopardizes their lives and the
10 lives of young aspiring athletes who may be unaware of the risks
11 of using performance-enhancing drugs and oftentimes are
12 influenced by the conduct of the athletes they hope to emulate;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, According to a study conducted by the Digital
15 Citizens Alliance, a consumer group working to make the Internet
16 safer, 77% of young males, 14 to 25 years of age, said that
17 steroid use by professional athletes gave young athletes the
18 impression that taking performance-enhancing drugs was necessary
19 to succeed in professional sports or improve their game;
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate condemn the use of performance-
22 enhancing drugs by athletes and rebuke any organization that
23 knowingly allows or encourages athletes to use performance-
24 enhancing drugs; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Department of Education to
26 notify all public and private schools in this Commonwealth of
27 the adoption of this resolution and urge all high school and
28 college coaches and athletic directors in this Commonwealth to
29 educate themselves and their athletes about the dangers of
30 performance-enhancing drugs.