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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4707

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4707 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Prescription Drug Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The General Assembly finds that:

7 (1) Prescription opioid abuse is endemic in this State.

8 (2) Many prescribers in this State over-prescribe Schedule
9 II controlled substances such as Hydrocodone and Oxycodone for
10 pain relief that are classified as opiates.

11 (3) Some medical studies have shown that the use of opioid
12 versus non-opioid medication therapy did not result in
13 significantly better pain-related function over the trial
14 periods.

15 (4) It has the right to regulate the licensing of medical
16 professionals and has enacted various licensing Acts for that

1 purpose authorizing the Department of Financial and
2 Professional Regulation to license and discipline these
3 medical professionals.

4 (5) A legislative Task Force is necessary to study the
5 extent of over prescription of opioids to patients, and to make
6 recommendations of future legislation to address this issue.

7 Section 10. Prescription Drug Task Force.

8 (a) The Prescription Drug Task Force is created. The Task
9 Force shall be composed of 18 members appointed as follows:

10 (1) one member of the House of Representatives
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

12 (2) one member of the House of Representatives
13 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
14 Representatives;

15 (3) one member of the Senate appointed by the President
16 of the Senate;

17 (4) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
18 Leader of the Senate;

19 (5) the Director of Public Health or his or her
20 designee;

21 (6) one member from each of the following organizations
22 appointed by the Director of Public Health from nominees
23 made by the respective organization:

24 (A) the Illinois Society for Advanced Practice
25 Nursing;

- 1 (B) the Illinois Health and Hospital Association;
- 2 (C) the Illinois Retail Merchants Association;
- 3 (D) the Illinois State Dental Society;
- 4 (E) the Illinois State Medical Society;
- 5 (F) the Illinois Council of Health-System
- 6 Pharmacists;
- 7 (G) the Illinois Optometric Association; and
- 8 (H) the Illinois Pharmacists Association;
- 9 (7) 2 members who are parents whose children have died
- 10 from drug overdoses, appointed by the Director of Public
- 11 Health;
- 12 (8) 2 members who are selected from county sheriffs,
- 13 municipal police chiefs, and State's Attorneys, appointed
- 14 by the Attorney General; and
- 15 (9) one member who is a peace officer specializing in
- 16 the enforcement of laws prohibiting the illegal
- 17 manufacture, delivery, and possession of controlled
- 18 substances and methamphetamine, appointed by the Director
- 19 of State Police.
- 20 . (b) The Task Force shall choose its chairperson from among
- 21 its members and any other officers it deems appropriate.
- 22 (c) The Task Force shall initially meet within 30 days
- 23 after the effective date of this Act. The members of the Task
- 24 Force shall receive no compensation for their services as
- 25 members of the Task Force but may be reimbursed for expenses
- 26 from appropriations made by law.

1 (d) The Task Force may seek the assistance of the
2 Departments of Financial and Professional Regulation and
3 Public Health in performing its duties.

4 (e) The Task Force shall:

5 (1) study prescription opioid abuse in this State;

6 (2) study the over-prescription of opioids such as
7 Hydrocodone and Oxycodone;

8 (3) recommend whether restrictions on prescriptions of
9 opioids should be enacted by the General Assembly; and

10 (4) recommend any other legislation, including
11 amendments to the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, that
12 would have the effect of reducing opioid addiction and
13 abuse.

14 (f) The Department of Human Services shall provide
15 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law."