

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

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  
17 purpose authorizing the Department of Financial and  
18 Professional Regulation to license and discipline these  
19 medical professionals.

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

1 Section 10. Prescription Drug Task Force.

2 (a) The Prescription Drug Task Force is created. The Task  
3 Force shall be composed of 19 members appointed as follows:

4 (1) one member of the House of Representatives  
5 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

6 (2) one member of the House of Representatives  
7 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
8 Representatives;

9 (3) one member of the Senate appointed by the President  
10 of the Senate;

11 (4) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
12 Leader of the Senate;

13 (5) the Secretary of Human Services or his or her  
14 designee;

15 (6) one member from each of the following organizations  
16 appointed by the Secretary of Human Services from nominees  
17 made by the respective organization:

18 (A) a statewide organization representing advanced  
19 practice nursing;

20 (B) a statewide organization representing  
21 hospitals;

22 (C) a statewide organization representing retail  
23 merchants;

24 (D) a statewide organization representing  
25 dentists;

26 (E) a statewide organization representing

1 physicians;

2 (F) a statewide organization representing  
3 health-system pharmacists;

4 (G) a statewide organization representing  
5 optometrists;

6 (H) a statewide organization representing  
7 pharmacists; and

8 (I) a statewide organization representing  
9 pharmaceutical manufacturers;

10 (7) 2 members who are parents whose children have died  
11 from drug overdoses, appointed by the Secretary of Human  
12 Services;

13 (8) 2 members who are selected from county sheriffs,  
14 municipal police chiefs, and State's Attorneys, appointed  
15 by the Attorney General; and

16 (9) one member who is a peace officer specializing in  
17 the enforcement of laws prohibiting the illegal  
18 manufacture, delivery, and possession of controlled  
19 substances and methamphetamine, appointed by the Director  
20 of State Police.

21 . (b) The Task Force shall choose its chairperson from among  
22 its members and any other officers it deems appropriate.

23 (c) The Task Force shall initially meet within 30 days  
24 after the effective date of this Act. The members of the Task  
25 Force shall receive no compensation for their services as  
26 members of the Task Force but may be reimbursed for expenses

1 from appropriations made by law.

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

5 (e) The Task Force shall:

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

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

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

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

15 (f) The Task Force shall focus its efforts in a manner that  
16 best utilizes the unique skills and perspectives of the experts  
17 on the Task Force.

18 (g) After completion of its duties, the Task Force shall  
19 report its recommendations to the General Assembly. The report  
20 to the General Assembly shall be filed with the Clerk of the  
21 House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate in  
22 electronic form only, in the manner that the Clerk and the  
23 Secretary shall direct.

24 (h) The Department of Human Services shall provide  
25 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.