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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 physicians 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  
16 physicians and has enacted the Medical Practice Act of 1987 for

1 that purpose authorizing the Department of Financial and  
2 Professional Regulation to license and discipline physicians.

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

6 Section 10. Prescription Drug Task Force.

7 (a) The Prescription Drug Task Force is created. The Task  
8 Force shall be composed of 17 members appointed as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (B) the Illinois Health and Hospital Association;

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

1 Regulation, and Public Health in performing its duties.

2 (e) The Task Force shall:

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

4 (2) study the over-prescription by physicians of  
5 opioids such as Hydrocodone and Oxycodone;

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

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

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.".