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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 19 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 Secretary of Human Services or his or her
20 designee;

21 (6) one member from each of the following organizations
22 appointed by the Secretary of Human Services from nominees
23 made by the respective organization:

24 (A) a statewide organization representing advanced
25 practice nursing;

1 (B) a statewide organization representing
2 hospitals;

3 (C) a statewide organization representing retail
4 merchants;

5 (D) a statewide organization representing
6 dentists;

7 (E) a statewide organization representing
8 physicians;

9 (F) a statewide organization representing
10 health-system pharmacists;

11 (G) a statewide organization representing
12 optometrists;

13 (H) a statewide organization representing
14 pharmacists; and

15 (I) a statewide organization representing
16 pharmaceutical manufacturers;

17 (7) 2 members who are parents whose children have died
18 from drug overdoses, appointed by the Secretary of Human
19 Services;

20 (8) 2 members who are selected from county sheriffs,
21 municipal police chiefs, and State's Attorneys, appointed
22 by the Attorney General; and

23 (9) one member who is a peace officer specializing in
24 the enforcement of laws prohibiting the illegal
25 manufacture, delivery, and possession of controlled
26 substances and methamphetamine, appointed by the Director

1 of State Police.

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

4 (c) The Task Force shall initially meet within 30 days
5 after the effective date of this Act. The members of the Task
6 Force shall receive no compensation for their services as
7 members of the Task Force but may be reimbursed for expenses
8 from appropriations made by law.

9 (d) The Task Force may seek the assistance of the
10 Departments of Financial and Professional Regulation and
11 Public Health in performing its duties.

12 (e) The Task Force shall:

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

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

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

18 (4) recommend any other legislation, including
19 amendments to the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, that
20 would have the effect of reducing opioid addiction and
21 abuse.

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

25 (g) After completion of its duties, the Task Force shall
26 report its recommendations to the General Assembly. The report

1 to the General Assembly shall be filed with the Clerk of the
2 House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate in
3 electronic form only, in the manner that the Clerk and the
4 Secretary shall direct.

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

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.".