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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A gap exists in Illinois in communication from
3 health care providers to pharmacies; and

4 WHEREAS, When medications are discontinued, changed, or
5 replaced by a prescriber, rarely is the change communicated to
6 the pharmacy; and

7 WHEREAS, Pharmacies often continue to dispense medications
8 that should have been stopped; and

9 WHEREAS, These practices expose patients to increased risk
10 and cost; and

11 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois maintains very little data
12 on this issue; the only available studies are extremely limited
13 in scope and pertain only to high-risk medications within a
14 connected health care system; and

15 WHEREAS, Each day in Illinois, thousands of prescriptions
16 are discontinued by prescribers; and

17 WHEREAS, When a prescriber discontinues a medication, the
18 medication appears as inactive in that patient's electronic
19 health records; and

1 WHEREAS, Pharmacies encourage "auto-refill" programs,
2 wherein refills are automatically processed without the
3 patient's request; and

4 WHEREAS, Many patients have limited knowledge of the exact
5 names or doses of all of their medications; and

6 WHEREAS, No mechanisms to enable the transmission of
7 "discontinue", "cancel", or "stop" orders through
8 e-prescribing systems have been adopted by the relevant
9 stakeholders; and

10 WHEREAS, There are high indirect costs to health care
11 payers who have to refill expensive prescriptions
12 unnecessarily; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 urge the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to
16 undertake a study to determine the appropriateness of mandating
17 a mechanism for electronically-prescribed prescription orders
18 to electronically transmit "discontinuation", "cancel", or
19 "stop" orders from health care providers to pharmacies; and be
20 it further

1 RESOLVED, That we urge the Department of Financial and
2 Professional Regulation to examine the effects of auto-refill
3 programs on the unnecessary filling of discontinued
4 medications no longer endorsed by the prescriber; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That we urge the Department of Financial and
7 Professional Regulation to complete its study and submit its
8 findings to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the
9 Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation by December
10 31, 2016.