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

12 (3) While opioid abuse is an endemic public health problem,  
13 there are patients in pain who may need opioids for legitimate  
14 medical reasons.

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

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

4 (5) A legislative Task Force is necessary to study  
5 prescription opioid abuse, and to make recommendations of  
6 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 25 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 registered nurses;

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 physician assistants;

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;

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;

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 (10) 2 members who are representatives of providers of  
3 addiction treatment services, appointed by the Secretary  
4 of Human Services;

5 (11) 2 members who are public defenders, appointed by  
6 the Attorney General; and

7 (12) 2 members who are physicians licensed to practice  
8 medicine in all its branches, including one physician  
9 specializing in pain management and one physician  
10 specializing in emergency medicine, nominated by a  
11 statewide organization representing physicians licensed to  
12 practice medicine in all its branches, appointed by the  
13 Secretary of Human Services.

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

16 (c) The Task Force shall initially meet within 30 days  
17 after the effective date of this Act. The members of the Task  
18 Force shall receive no compensation for their services as  
19 members of the Task Force but may be reimbursed for expenses  
20 from appropriations made by law.

21 (d) The Task Force may seek the assistance of the  
22 Departments of Financial and Professional Regulation and  
23 Public Health in performing its duties.

24 (e) The Task Force shall:

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

26 (2) study the over-prescription of opioids such as

1 Hydrocodone and Oxycodone; and

2 (3) recommend any legislation, including amendments to  
3 the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, that would have the  
4 effect of reducing opioid addiction and abuse.

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

8 (g) The Task Force shall submit a report of its  
9 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December  
10 31, 2019. The report to the General Assembly shall be filed  
11 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the  
12 Secretary of the Senate in electronic form only, in the manner  
13 that the Clerk and the Secretary shall direct.

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

16 (i) This Act is repealed on January 1, 2021.

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