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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2	WHEREAS, State-operated programs including the State
3	Employees Group Insurance Program and the Comprehensive Health
4	Insurance Plan include an option for individuals to receive
5	qualifying prescriptions by mail order; and
6	WHEREAS, Employer-sponsored prescription drug coverage and
7	privately purchased prescription drug coverage also typically
8	include an option to purchase certain prescriptions by mail
9	order; and
10	WHEREAS, Illinois-based pharmacies that fill prescriptions
11	are required to pay applicable taxes, including sales taxes, to
12	the State for those prescriptions; and
13	WHEREAS, Some mail order pharmacies that fill
14	prescriptions for Illinois residents may be located outside of
15	the geographic boundaries of the State; and
16	WHEREAS, Existing case law has placed limits on the
17	imposition of State sales taxes on businesses that do not have
18	a physical business location within the State; and
19	WHEREAS, Concerns have been raised that, when State

employees, enrollees in State-subsidized programs, and

- 1 privately covered individuals use a mail order pharmacy outside
- of the geographic boundaries of Illinois, significant revenues
- 3 are lost due to the inability to collect taxes from the
- 4 out-of-state pharmacies; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The mission statement of the Department of Revenue
- 6 includes the responsibility of serving as the tax collection
- agency for the State and units of local government; therefore,
- 8 be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 11 request the Illinois Department of Revenue to conduct a study
- 12 to determine the amount of additional revenue that would be
- 13 collected each year if all prescriptions for individuals
- 14 physically located in the State of Illinois were filled by
- 15 pharmacies located within the geographic boundaries of
- 16 Illinois; and be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, that information compiled pursuant to this study
- 18 be developed into a report to the Governor and the General
- 19 Assembly in a timely manner; and be it further
- 20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 21 delivered to the Director of Revenue.