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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Illinois House  
3 of Representatives that, on average, 22 veterans commit suicide  
4 every day; this constitutes a very serious problem in every  
5 state, including Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Those individuals have fought in recent conflicts  
7 under very demanding and dangerous circumstances; and

8 WHEREAS, For many veterans, their re-entry into a stable  
9 and productive civilian life has caused unexpected mental and  
10 emotional problems, resulting in Post-Traumatic Stress  
11 Disorder (PTSD) and other severe mental illnesses; and

12 WHEREAS, Medications are now available to mitigate the  
13 severity of those mental illnesses; and

14 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has an obligation to provide  
15 its veterans the opportunity to acquire such medications;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we urge the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to  
20 develop a basic protocol which will provide direction on how

1 best to make available such medications to veterans suffering  
2 from PTSD and other forms of severe mental illness, such as  
3 schizophrenia, schizophrenia disorder, and bipolar disorders;  
4 and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That the chair and the minority spokesman of the  
6 House Veterans' Affairs Committee shall create a subcommittee  
7 within the House Veterans' Affairs Committee that shall monitor  
8 the preparations of such protocol and periodically make reports  
9 to the House of Representatives, the Office of the Governor,  
10 the director of the Department of Healthcare and Family  
11 Services, and the director of the Department of Veterans'  
12 Affairs not later than March 1, 2014.