

SUBJECT: Prescription Drug Bill (HB 93) and Care of the Terminally Ill

SUBMITTED BY: Dayton (III) District Academy of Osteopathic Medicine

REFERRED TO:

1 WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 93 of the 129th General Assembly appropriately addresses
2 the serious concerns of prescription drug abuse and diversion in Ohio; and
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4 WHEREAS, Ohio Senate House Bill 187, “The Intractable Pain Law” of 1997
5 specifically excluded from regulatory oversight prescribers utilizing prescription drugs
6 for the treatment of patients with a terminal illness or patients with a progressive illness
7 that may in the normal course of progression may be expected to become terminal, and
8 excluded treatment for pain with medications that do not exert their action at the level of
9 the central nervous system; and
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11 WHEREAS, the definitions of chronic and intractable pain are changed in the new law;
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14 WHEREAS, HB93 specifically excludes hospices from the definition of “pain clinic”;
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17 WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care patients deserve to receive care from the
18 physicians of their choice; and
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20 WHEREAS, HB93 may seek to limit the quantity of an opioid or other substance that can
21 be prescribed in a given time interval; now, therefore, be it
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23 RESOLVED, that the rules promulgated to enact HB93 specifically address the needs of
24 palliative care and hospice patients who have been determined to have a terminal illness
25 and exclude these patients and their prescribers from the causes of the law which may
26 deter physicians from adequately managing pain and from causes which may limit access
27 to prescriptions for medications utilized for pain management.
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29 Attachments: SB187 & HB93