

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 655 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY YAW, McGARRIGLE, BAKER, ALLOWAY, ARGALL,
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 HUGHES, STEFANO, SCARNATI, SCAVELLO AND HAYWOOD, MAY 2, 2017

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 2, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), entitled
 2 "An act relating to the manufacture, sale and possession of
 3 controlled substances, other drugs, devices and cosmetics;
 4 conferring powers on the courts and the secretary and
 5 Department of Health, and a newly created Pennsylvania Drug,
 6 Device and Cosmetic Board; establishing schedules of
 7 controlled substances; providing penalties; requiring
 8 registration of persons engaged in the drug trade and for the
 9 revocation or suspension of certain licenses and
 10 registrations; and repealing an act," further providing for
 11 promulgation of regulations.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 35 of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233,
 15 No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and
 16 Cosmetic Act, is amended by adding subsections to read:

17 Section 35. Promulgation of Regulations.--* * *

18 (c) The secretary shall promulgate in accordance with the
 19 "Commonwealth Documents Law" regulations relating to the
 20 prescription of opioids, including:

21 (1) Opioids for treatment of chronic noncancer pain.

- 1 (2) Emergency department pain treatment guidelines.
- 2 (3) Opioids in dental practice.
- 3 (4) Opioid dispensing guidelines.
- 4 (5) Obstetrics and gynecology pain treatment.
- 5 (6) Geriatric pain - opioid use and safe prescribing.
- 6 (7) Use of addiction treatment medications in the treatment
7 of pregnant patients with opioid use disorders.
- 8 (8) Safe prescribing of benzodiazepines for acute treatment
9 of anxiety and insomnia.
- 10 (9) Safe prescribing of opioids in orthopedics and sports
11 medicine.
- 12 (d) Regulations under subsection (c), upon being promulgated
13 pursuant to law, shall have the force and effect of law and
14 shall be subject to sanctions by the appropriate licensing
15 boards.
- 16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.