

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 86

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SYNOPSIS

Memorializes Congress and President to enact legislation to strengthen regulation of online prescribing over Internet.

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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress and
2 President of the United States to enact legislation to strengthen
3 the regulation of online prescribing over the Internet.

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5 WHEREAS, There currently exists a serious lack of adequate
6 regulation with respect to the prescribing of prescription drugs
7 through various Internet websites; and

8 WHEREAS, In some cases, health care practitioners, through certain
9 of these websites, have prescribed prescription drugs for delivery
10 to consumers without any prior physical examination of the
11 person or documentation of a medical indication for the
12 prescription; and

13 WHEREAS, The lack of federal regulation regarding the online
14 prescribing of medications raises serious and widespread
15 concerns across the nation with regard to the potential harm that
16 may occur as a result of these prescriptions; and

17 WHEREAS, There have already been reports of adverse health
18 consequences to consumers from online prescriptions; and

19 WHEREAS This is an issue that is most properly addressed by the
20 federal government as it affects consumers in every jurisdiction
21 within the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, There is an urgent need for federal legislation to
23 regulate online prescriptions, and this legislation should require
24 that there be full disclosure to the consumer of the pharmacy,
25 pharmacists and physician involved with each prescription, as
26 well as the name of the company through which they are doing
27 business, and also that any drug prescribed over the Internet be
28 dispensed pursuant to a valid prescription in the context of a
29 valid physician-patient relationship; and

30 WHEREAS, It is the obligation of the federal government to take
31 such actions as are necessary to protect the health and welfare of
32 the citizens of this nation; now, therefore,

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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New
35 Jersey:

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37 1. The Congress of the United States is respectfully
38 memorialized to pass, and the President to sign into law, legislation
39 that would strengthen the regulation of online prescribing over the
40 Internet in order to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of
41 this nation.

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43 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the
44 Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk of the
45 General Assembly, shall be transmitted to the presiding officers of
46 the Congress of the United States and each of the members of the
47 United States Congress elected from the State of New Jersey.

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1 STATEMENT

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4 United States to pass, and the President to sign into law, legislation
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6 Internet in order to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of
7 this nation.