

RESOLUTION

Subject: Addressing the Addiction Epidemic in Kentucky

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Referred to: Reference Committee

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WHEREAS, our Commonwealth has been severely affected by the epidemic of both legal and illegal substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, this epidemic places a substantial burden upon the addicts as well as their families and the general public; and

WHEREAS, current statute and regulation prevents any involuntary intervention to address the addiction issue except in the case of a felony or misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, addiction is classified as a mental illness with the potential to severely compromise the addict's mental capacity and particularly his or her judgement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association seek statutory and regulatory action to empower Adult Protective Services to intervene at the request of clinicians, family members and other interested parties on behalf of addicts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association seek statutory and regulatory changes that will empower Adult Protective Services to mandate treatment of addicts when warranted as well as seek revocation of certain privileges for addicted individuals in the interest of protecting them and the general public.