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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the establishment of a recycling and redistribution program for narcotics in health care facilities and other established state drug repositories.

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Whereas, The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services estimate that more than \$1 billion in unused prescription drugs, including Schedule II controlled substances and other narcotics, are improperly disposed of each year;

Whereas, Unused prescription drugs disposed of in the sewage system flow into rivers, lakes, and oceans and are spread onto farm fields as sludge;

Whereas, Unused prescription drugs disposed of in the trash can be scavenged by identity thieves, poison children and animals, and seep through landfills into groundwater;

Whereas, The poor, uninsured, and underinsured can benefit from the use of recycled narcotics as long as the medication is in its original, unopened container and a licensed pharmacist has determined that the contents are not expired, altered, or misbranded;

Whereas, There is growing movement in many states to enact drug repository legislation, but this legislation does not include the use of recycled narcotics;

Whereas, Although many state statutes do not preclude or prohibit the return of narcotics, it is the understanding of the



Indiana General Assembly that federal agencies have prohibited the return of controlled substances to physicians' offices, pharmacies, hospitals, hospices, health clinics, long term care facilities, or similar state repositories for any purpose after they have been dispensed to patients; and

Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly recognizes that, in the absence of bad faith, any donor, participant, provider, or pharmaceutical manufacturer should not be liable for any claim or injury arising from participation in a drug repository program: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the federal
2 government to work with states in establishing recycling and
3 redistribution programs for narcotics in health care facilities and other
4 established state drug repositories.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of
7 the United States, the members of the United States Congress, the
8 appropriate leadership of the United States Department of Health and
9 Human Services, the United States Food and Drug Administration, the
10 United States Office of National Drug Control Policy, the United States
11 Drug Enforcement Administration, and the U.S. Pharmacopeia.

