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**Representative Martin
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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Congress and the United 1
States Drug Enforcement Administration to change 2
federal laws, regulations, and policies to allow 3
patients to receive pain medication promptly when 4
transferred to a nursing home from a hospital. 5

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Ohio's nursing homes are focused both on serving 6
residents with long-term care needs and on rehabilitating patients 7
coming from hospitals following surgery or other treatment for 8
acute medical conditions before sending them home or to a lower 9
intensity setting; and 10

WHEREAS, Patients coming from hospitals often arrive at a 11
nursing home with considerable pain; and 12

WHEREAS, Due to federal laws, regulations, and policies, 13
these patients often are prevented from receiving pain medication 14
promptly upon transfer to a nursing home and must wait to receive 15
adequate pain medication while physicians, nurses, and pharmacists 16
comply with federal requirements pertaining to the administration 17
of pain medication in nursing homes, including Schedule II 18
controlled substances; and 19

WHEREAS, Physicians, nurses, and pharmacists are equally 20
qualified to manage a patient's pain in a hospital and a nursing 21
home; now therefore be it 22

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 23
of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States and 24
the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to change 25
federal laws, regulations, and policies to allow patients to 26
receive any needed pain medication promptly when transferred to a 27
nursing home following a hospital stay for surgery or other 28
treatment; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 30
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 31
Administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement 32
Administration, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States 33
House of Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore and 34
Secretary of the United States Senate, to the members of the Ohio 35
Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio. 36