

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 26

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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2 federal law concerning confidentiality of patient records.

3 *Whereas, 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2 restricts opioid treatment*
4 *programs, such as methadone clinics, from providing patient*
5 *information to Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs;*

6 *Whereas, This restriction does not allow physicians to*
7 *check patient records to see if a patient is receiving*
8 *prescriptions from an opioid treatment program, such as*
9 *Suboxone or methadone, while simultaneously receiving*
10 *prescriptions for controlled substances, such as*
11 *benzodiazepines or opioids;*

12 *Whereas, Removing this restriction would allow physicians*
13 *to know with certainty what controlled substances a patient is*
14 *taking before prescribing more controlled substances; and*

15 *Whereas, Amending 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2 will result in*
16 *better overall outcomes for individuals struggling with*
17 *addiction: Therefore,*



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*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges Congress to amend 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2 concerning confidentiality of patient records.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to each member of the Indiana congressional delegation.

