

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 710

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALKER (74).

1436H.011

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 478, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to medication assisted treatment for drug court participants.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 478, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 478.004, to read as follows:

2 **478.004. 1. As used in this section, "medication assisted treatment" means the use**
3 **of pharmacological medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies,**
4 **to provide a whole patient approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.**

4 **2. If a drug court participant requires treatment for opioid abuse or dependence,**
5 **a drug court shall not prohibit such participant from participating in and receiving**
6 **medication assisted treatment under the care of a physician licensed in this state to practice**
7 **medicine. A drug court participant shall not be required to refrain from using medication**
8 **assisted treatment as a term or condition of successful completion of the drug court**
9 **program.**

10 **3. A drug court participant assigned to a substance abuse treatment program for**
11 **opioid abuse or dependence shall not be in violation of the terms or conditions of such**
12 **program on the basis of his or her participation in medication assisted treatment under the**
13 **care of a physician licensed in this state to practice medicine.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.