



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 603

Introduced by: **Senator Tobin**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, to raise awareness about tardive dyskinesia.**

2 WHEREAS, many people with serious, chronic mental illness, such as schizophrenia,
3 bipolar disorder, severe depression, and gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis,
4 nausea, and vomiting, require treatment with medications that work as dopamine receptor
5 blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and

6 WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with DRBAs can be helpful and even lifesaving for
7 many people, it can also lead to tardive dyskinesia; and

8 WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia is a movement disorder that is characterized by random,
9 involuntary, and uncontrolled movements of different muscles in the face, trunk, and
10 extremities. Tardive dyskinesia can develop months, years, or decades after a person starts
11 to take DRBAs and after discontinued use of DRBAs. Once developed, tardive dyskinesia is
12 often permanent; and

13 WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, over 600,000 Americans
14 suffer from tardive dyskinesia, and one in every four patients receiving long-term treatment
15 with an antipsychotic medication will experience tardive dyskinesia; and

16 WHEREAS, years of difficult and challenging research have resulted in recent scientific
17 breakthroughs, with two new treatments for tardive dyskinesia approved by the United States
18 Food and Drug Administration; and

19 WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia is often unrecognized, and patients suffering from the illness
20 are commonly misdiagnosed. Regular screening for tardive dyskinesia in patients taking
21 DRBAs is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

22 WHEREAS, the Legislature can raise awareness of tardive dyskinesia in the public and
23 medical community;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of
2 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the week of
3 May 1, 2022, is to be known as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week"; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all individuals are encouraged to become better informed
5 about and aware of tardive dyskinesia.