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This Week at the Statehouse

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Around the Square

Kasich Announces New Opioid Prescription Rules

Governor John Kasich and the state's medical licensing board announced new rules for acute pain prescribing on Thursday. The new rules do not require new legislation but mirror House Bill 167 and Senate Bill 119, both introduced this week, that will require physicians to adhere to guidelines set by the federal Center for Disease Control. These rules limit the prescription duration for opioid drugs for acute pain to no more than seven days for adults and no more than five days for minors. Additionally, the drug cannot exceed 30 morphine equivalent doses per day.

Senate Passages

The Senate approved Senate Bill 1, a bill that increases penalties for drug trafficking violations involving fentanyl and adding lisdexamfetamine to the list of Schedule II controlled substances. The legislation was passed in a 28-6 vote. The Senate unanimously passed House Bill 9, which aims to prevent motorists from running red lights by specifying the alternative protocol for proceeding into an intersection with malfunctioning traffic lights due to a failure of a vehicle detector applies only to bicycles.

House Passages

The House on Thursday passed House Bill 114, a bill to turn the state's renewable energy standards into energy goals by a vote of 65-31. Several groups have spoken out against the new legislation, which now heads to the Senate for discussion. House Bill 111 was approved unanimously on the House floor on Thursday with a total vote of 94-0. The bill allows certain advanced practice nurses to have a person involuntarily transported for a mental health examination. The House additionally passed House Bill 73, which prohibits the sale of dextromethorphan to minors without a prescription.

Political News and Notes

Mingo Announces for State Treasurer

Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo has announced his candidacy for State Treasurer. In his announcement, Mingo launched a website and a video detailing his time as Franklin County Auditor and how he feels it's time for a new generation of conservative leaders in Ohio. Here is a link to the website: <http://clarencemingo.com>.

State of the State

The Governor's State of the State Address will be this coming Tuesday, April 4th in Sandusky. Many legislators and state officials are expected to attend the event. Live coverage will be broadcasted on The Ohio Channel beginning at 7:00p.m. Provided is a link to the broadcast: <http://www.ohiochannel.org/collections/governor-john-kasich?1>

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