

Resolution 18-315
HB 21 Epilepsy Exemption
Florida Neurological Society

1 Whereas, Epilepsy is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the nation; and

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3 Whereas, Medication compliance is an essential component to epilepsy control, and whereas barriers to
4 obtaining medication refills such as mandatory prescription drug monitoring database search, maximum of three
5 days prescription if the website is down, and mandatory follow-up visits every three months can significantly
6 affect patient compliance and increase costs to the patient; and

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8 Whereas, Lack of access to antiepileptic medication can lead to withdrawal seizures, convulsive status
9 epilepticus, and death; and

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11 Whereas, Phenobarbital, Parempanel and Clonazepam are antiepileptic medications that are scheduled drugs;
12 therefore be it

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14 RESOLVED, That the FMA seek legislative action to amend HB21 to exempt Phenobarbital, Parempanel and
15 Clonazepam from mandatory PDMP database consultation and three-day limits, provided that the diagnosis of
16 epilepsy is included on the prescription.

Fiscal Note:

Description	Amount	Budget Narrative
300 staff hours	\$44,700	Can be accomplished with current staff
Total	\$44,700	\$0 added to the operating budget

Fiscal notes are an estimate of the cost to implement a given Resolution. All Resolutions that are adopted by the House of Delegates will be referred to the FMA Committee on Finance and Appropriations for fiscal consideration.

Reference Committee: III – Legislation & Miscellaneous