

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**

<b>The Ohio Manufacturers' Association, et al.,</b>	:	
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<b>Relators,</b>	:	<b>Case No. _____</b>
	:	
<b>v.</b>	:	<b>Original Action Under Article II,</b>
	:	<b>Section 1g of the Ohio Constitution</b>
<b>Ohioans for Drug Price Relief Act, et al.,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>Respondents.</b>	:	

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**APPENDIX 5  
TO  
CHALLENGE TO INITIATIVE PETITION  
UNDER ARTICLE II, SECTION 1g OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION**

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**Part 4 of the Part-Petitions Circulated by Ms. Harper Statewide**

Number: 000004

County: Morrow (28)

**INITIATIVE PETITION**

(25) NBS

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

• 135547

**SUMMARY**

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

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2. Signature <i>Dorothy Emmons</i>	Print First Name <i>DOROTHY</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Emmons</i>	

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3. Signature <i>Tina Jones</i>	Print First Name <i>Tina</i>	Initial <i>TJ</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Jones</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4090 Twp 178</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Cardington</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43315</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-15</i>

4. Signature <i>Suzanna Colegrove</i>	Print First Name <i>Suzanna</i>	Initial
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5. Signature <i>Tanya McCoy</i>	Print First Name <i>TANA</i>	Initial <i>L.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>McCoy</i>	

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6. Signature <i>Melanie Greenawalt</i>	Print First Name <i>melanie</i>	Initial <i>MG</i>
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7. Signature <i>Marilyn Turner</i>	Print First Name <i>Marilyn</i>	Initial <i>B.</i>
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	Print Last Name <i>Lowe</i>	
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City/Village/Township <i>Marengo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43334</i>
County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-15</i>	

9. Signature <i>Marguerite Adams</i>	Print First Name <i>Marguerite</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Adams</i>	
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10. Signature <i>Jessica Getter</i>	Print First Name <i>Jessica</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
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11. Signature <i>Ronald Coleman</i>	Print First Name <i>Ronald</i>	Initial
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County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10 26 15</i>	

12. Signature <i>Rose Christmas</i>	Print First Name <i>Rose Christmas</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>CHRISTMAN</i>	
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County <i>MOROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/26/2015</i>	

13. Signature <i>Cheri Alrey</i>	Print First Name <i>Cheri</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Alrey</i>	
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14. Signature <i>Jesse Thompson</i>	Print First Name <i>Jesse</i>	Initial
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15. Signature <i>Deborah Powers</i>	Print First Name	DEBORAH	Initial	K
	Print Last Name	POWERS		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
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<i>GALION</i>		<i>44833</i>	<i>MORROW</i>	<i>10/26/15</i>

16. Signature <i>Wendi Connors</i>	Print First Name	WENDI	Initial	K
	Print Last Name	CONNORS		

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*6185 SR 19*

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17. Signature <i>Kelli Bierce</i>	Print First Name	Kelli	Initial	N
	Print Last Name	BIERCE		

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*86 W. North St.*

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18. Signature <i>Jara D. Lowe</i>	Print First Name	JARA	Initial	D
	Print Last Name	LOWE		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*6592 Cty Rd 59*

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19. Signature <i>Sara Adkins</i>	Print First Name	SARA	Initial	
	Print Last Name	ADKINS		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*312548 Co Rd 24*

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<i>Cardington</i>		<i>43805</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>10/26/15</i>

20. Signature <i>Joseph Edward</i>	Print First Name	JOSEPH	Initial	
	Print Last Name	EDWARDS		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4391 County Road 53*

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21. Signature <i>Susan P. Edwards</i>	Print First Name	SUSAN	Initial	L
	Print Last Name	EDWARDS		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
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City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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22. Signature <i>Jessica Carlson</i>	Print First Name	<i>Jessica</i>	Initial	<i>J</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Carlson</i>		

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23. Signature <i>Kim Hobson</i>	Print First Name	<i>Kim</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Hobson</i>		

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24. Signature <i>Marta Mintzer</i>	Print First Name	<i>Marta</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Mintzer</i>		

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*4301 TR 233*

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25. Signature <i>Suzanne Baird</i>	Print First Name	<i>Suzanne</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Baird</i>		

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<i>FREDERICKTOWN</i>		<i>43019</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>10/26/15</i>

26. Signature <i>Charles W. Todd</i>	Print First Name	<i>Charles</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Todd</i>		

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*5079 Co Rd 20*

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27. Signature <i>Bob Shaffer</i>	Print First Name	<i>Bob</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Shaffer</i>		

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*396 Pine Dr*

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28. Signature <i>Amanda Brandum</i>	Print First Name	<i>Amanda</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Brandum</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*108 Crestview Drive*

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

**STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR**

I, Keith Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of JP electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Keith Harper  
(Signed)  
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	Print Last Name <i>Raymond</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*6270 Johnsonville Rd*

City/Village/Township <i>Centerbury</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43011</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10.8.15</i>
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2. Signature <i>Kay Sigman</i>	Print First Name <i>Kay Sigman</i>	Initial <i>F.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Roman</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*18618 Sapps Run Rd.*

City/Village/Township <i>Howard</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43025</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-5-15</i>
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3. Signature <i>Mary Jo Looney</i>	Print First Name <i>MARY JO</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>LOONEY</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*12160 Shoemaker Rd.*

City/Village/Township <i>SANVILLE</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43014</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-8-15</i>
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4. Signature <i>Eric Strasider</i>	Print First Name <i>Eric</i>	Initial <i>ES</i>
	Print Last Name <i>STRASIDER</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*105 Liberty St*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43080</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-8-15</i>
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5. Signature	Print First Name <i>BOB</i>	Initial
<i>[REDACTED]</i>		

6. Signature <i>Carol J. Houck</i>	Print First Name <i>CAROL J. Houck</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1 Fairway Ct.*

City/Village/Township <i>Mount Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-08-15</i>
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7. Signature <i>Patty Hauger</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>PATTY E. HAUGER</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*10819 TUCKER RD*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Vernon, OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>KNOX</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-8-15</i>
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8. Signature ✓ <i>Carlye L. Altar</i>	Print First Name <i>Carlye L. Altar</i>	Initial <i>L.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Altar</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election

18 Martinsburg Road					
City/Village/Township <i>Mount Vernon Oh</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-8-15</i>	

9. Signature ✓ <i>Morgan McCarthy</i>	Print First Name <i>Morgan</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>McCarthy</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election

713 Highland Hills Dr.					
City/Village/Township <i>Howard</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43028</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-8-15</i>	

10. Signature ✓ <i>Hadi Parker</i>	Print First Name <i>Hadi Parker</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	

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15708 Wooster Rd.					
City/Village/Township <i>MTV</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>KNOX</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-8-15</i>	

11. Signature ✓ <i>Lindsay Lybarger</i>	Print First Name <i>Lindsay</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Lybarger</i>	

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901 Harcourt Rd.					
City/Village/Township <i>MTV</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43030</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/8/15</i>	

	Print First Name	Initial

13. Signature ✓ <i>Mary Full</i>	Print First Name <i>Mary</i>	Initial <i>E</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Full</i>	

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4545 Colwill Rd.					
City/Village/Township <i>Cambier</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43022</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-8-15</i>	

14. Signature ✓ <i>Debra Coosens</i>	Print First Name <i>Debra</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Coosens</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election

1005 Edgemoor Pls					
City/Village/Township <i>Madisontown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43019</i>	County <i>KNOX</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-8-15</i>	

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15. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Shelly* Initial: *[Blank]*

Print Last Name: *Edwards*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *1247 St Rte*

City/Village/Township: *Centerville* Ward/Precinct: *[Blank]* Zip Code: *43011* County: *KNOX* Date of Signing: *10/9/15*

16. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Sharon* Initial: *[Blank]*

Print Last Name: *Zinsmeister*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *9314 Sparta Rd*

City/Village/Township: *Fredericktown* Ward/Precinct: *[Blank]* Zip Code: *43029* County: *Knox* Date of Signing: *10/8/15*

17. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *William* Initial: *[Blank]*

Print Last Name: *Freitag*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *2899 Henpeck Rd*

City/Village/Township: *Utica* Ward/Precinct: *[Blank]* Zip Code: *43080* County: *KNOX* Date of Signing: *10/8/15*

18. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Jim* Initial: *[Blank]*

Print Last Name: *Grubaugh*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *15 Ash St, Apt. C*

City/Village/Township: *Mt. Vernon* Ward/Precinct: *[Blank]* Zip Code: *43050* County: *KNOX* Date of Signing: *10/12/15*

19. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *PATTY* Initial: *[Blank]*

Print Last Name: *PUMPHREY*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *P.O. BOX 63 157 N. MARKET*

City/Village/Township: *MARTINSBURG* Ward/Precinct: *[Blank]* Zip Code: *43037* County: *KNOX* Date of Signing: *10/8/15*

20. Signature: *[Redacted]*

Print First Name: *[Redacted]* Initial: *[Redacted]*

Print Last Name: *[Redacted]*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *[Redacted]*

City/Village/Township: *[Redacted]* Ward/Precinct: *[Redacted]* Zip Code: *[Redacted]* County: *[Redacted]* Date of Signing: *[Redacted]*

21. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Elaine* Initial: *S*

Print Last Name: *Stull*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *22305 Schenck Creek Rd*

City/Village/Township: *Howard* Ward/Precinct: *0* Zip Code: *43028* County: *Knox* Date of Signing: *10/8/15*

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22. Signature <i>Charles Rowland</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 504 N Harrison St		
City/Village/Township Mt. Vernon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050
County Knox	Date of Signing 10-09-15	

23. Signature <i>Kayleen Savage</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 300 S. Rogers St.		
City/Village/Township Mt. Vernon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050
County Knox	Date of Signing 10-8-15	

24. Signature <i>Barbara Rockwell</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	F
Address on file with the Board of Election 17815 Murray		
City/Village/Township Pleasant	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050
County Knox	Date of Signing 10-8-15	

25. Signature <i>Mistie Lilley</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 12998 New Delaware Rd		
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26. Signature <i>Carolyn S. Cantrell</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 562 Terrace Ridge Circle		
City/Village/Township Howard Ohio	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43028
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27. Signature <i>Sarah Shinaberry</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 19348 Lucerne Rd		
City/Village/Township Fredericktown	Ward/Precinct 6H	Zip Code 43019
County Knox	Date of Signing 10/08/15	

28. Signature <i>Carla Newton</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	J.
Address on file with the Board of Election 55 Mansfield Ave		
City/Village/Township Mt. Vernon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
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The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

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I, Piti Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 20 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**Educated Voters**  
**5216 Beechmont Ave.**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45230**

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

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Piti Harper  
(Signed)

4000 E Greenway Rd #1312  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

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1. Signature <i>Michael Dodd</i>	Print First Name <i>Michael</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Michael F L Dodd</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*14260 Eldon Dr.*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/6/15</i>
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2. Signature <i>Karen J. DeWitt</i>	Print First Name <i>Karen</i>	Initial <i>L.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>DeWitt</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*26A Fearn Ave.*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050-1141</i>	County <i>Rnox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-6-15</i>
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3. Signature <i>Laura Lilsaw</i>	Print First Name <i>Laura</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Wilson</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*13039 Pleasant Valley Road*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-6-15</i>
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4. Signature <i>Ashley Dondrea</i>	Print First Name <i>Ashley</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Dondrea</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*13039 Pleasant Valley Rd.*

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5. Signature <i>Kathy Wolfe</i>	Print First Name <i>Kathy</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Wolfe</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*98005 Cowallo Rd*

City/Village/Township <i>Dan W. Ave</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43014</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-6-15</i>
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6. Signature <i>Nora Mollottan</i>	Print First Name <i>NORA</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>MOLLOTTAN</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*13745 N Liberty rd*

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7. Signature <i>Loretta Stone</i>	Print First Name <i>Loretta</i>	Initial <i>J.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Stone</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*17338 Fred-Amity*

City/Village/Township <i>Fredericktown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43019</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-6-15</i>
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8. Signature ✓ <i>Carla Spencer</i>	Print First Name	<i>Carla</i>	Initial	<i>CS</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Spencer</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>203 Greenwood Ave</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Mount Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-6-15</i>

9. Signature ✓ <i>R. Wm. Rogers</i>	Print First Name	<i>WILLIAM</i>	Initial	<i>RWR</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>ROGERS</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <del><i>R. Wm. Rogers</i></del> <i>415 Chase Ave</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>CAMBIER</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43022</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-6-15</i>

10. Signature ✓ <i>Marie Murphy</i>	Print First Name	<i>Marie</i>	Initial	<i>MAM</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Murphy</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>691 Grand Valley Dr.</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Howard</i>	Ward/Precinct <del><i>Howard</i></del>	Zip Code <i>43028</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-6-15</i>

11. Signature MR <i>Suzanne Murphy</i>	Print First Name	<i>Suzanne</i>	Initial	<i>SMm</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Murphy</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>691 Grand Valley Dr.</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Howard</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43028</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-6-15</i>

12. Signature ✓ <i>Anita Van Winkle</i>	Print First Name	<i>Anita</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Van Winkle</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>81 Sychar Road</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Mount Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-6-15</i>

13. Signature ✓ <i>Carl Kugel</i>	Print First Name	<i>CARL</i>	Initial	<i>T.</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>KUGEL</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>25 ADAMSON</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/5/15</i>

14. Signature ✓ <i>Cheryl Bensor</i>	Print First Name	<i>Cheryl</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Bensor</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>7 Ash St</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Mt Vernon OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/5/15</i>

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15. Signature <i>Angeline Arnold</i>	Print First Name <i>Angeline</i>	Initial <i>J.</i>	Print Last Name <i>Arnold</i>
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Address on file with the Board of Election  
*12336 Hilltop Rd*

City/Village/Township <i>FredricksTown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43019</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-6-15</i>
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16. Signature	Print First Name	Initial	Print Last Name
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17. Signature <i>Dawn Keys</i>	Print First Name <i>Dawn</i>	Initial <i>A</i>	Print Last Name <i>Keys</i>
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Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4500 Cerden Ln*

City/Village/Township <i>Centerville Hillard</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43011</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/16/15</i>
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18. Signature <i>Debra Moreland</i>	Print First Name <i>Debra</i>	Initial	Print Last Name <i>Moreland</i>
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Address on file with the Board of Election  
*11241 Monroe Mills Road*

City/Village/Township <i>Howard</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43028</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/6/15</i>
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19. Signature <i>Sheila Beckett</i>	Print First Name <i>Sheila</i>	Initial	Print Last Name <i>Beckett</i>
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Address on file with the Board of Election  
*970 Winesap Pk.*

City/Village/Township <i>Howard</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43078</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/16/15</i>
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20. Signature <i>Melony Jackson</i>	Print First Name <i>Melony</i>	Initial <i>A</i>	Print Last Name <i>Jackson</i>
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Address on file with the Board of Election  
*100 McGibney Rd.*

City/Village/Township <i>W.H. Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-16-15</i>
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21. Signature <i>Justin Vernon</i>	Print First Name <i>Justin</i>	Initial	Print Last Name <i>Vernon</i>
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Address on file with the Board of Election  
*726 Follin Ave*

City/Village/Township <i>Mount Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-6-15</i>
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22. Signature ✓ Jodi Veener	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
726.2 Folin Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mount Vernon		43050	Knox	10-6-15

23. Signature	Print First Name	Initial		
Address on file with the Board of Election				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
				10-6-15

24. Signature ✓ Chris Martin	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
9 White St.

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mount Vernon		43005	Knox	10-6-15

25. Signature ✓ Noah Orr	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
8216 Myers Rd

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Centerburg		43011	Knox	10-6-15

26. Signature	Print First Name	Initial		
Address on file with the Board of Election				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing

27. Signature ✓ Angela Fulton	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
5178 Cassum Street

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mt. Vernon		43050	Knox	6 Oct. 2015

28. Signature ✓ Tracy Kemer	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
27430 ZUCK RD

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Monard		43029	KNOX	10-5-15

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, John Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

Educated Voters  
5216 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

John Harper  
(Signed)

4022 E Greenway Rd #11312  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Phx  
City, Village or Township

AZ  
State

85030  
Zip Code

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OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**

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Number: 000019

County: KNOX

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## INITIATIVE PETITION

708562

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

20 Valid  
RDH

### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name <b>KEONETA</b>	Initial <b>K</b>
	Print Last Name <b>KUFNER</b>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**73 Columbus**

City/Village/Township <b>CHANTON</b>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <b>43050</b>	County <b>KNOX</b>	Date of Signing <b>10/8/15</b>
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2. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name <b>Catherine</b>	Initial <b>J.</b>
	Print Last Name <b>McCart</b>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**122 N. Center Str.**

City/Village/Township <b>Mt. Vernon</b>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <b>43050</b>	County <b>KNOX</b>	Date of Signing <b>10-8-15</b>
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3. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name <b>DONNA NICHOLLS</b>	Initial <b>L</b>
	Print Last Name <b>NICHOLLS</b>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**15793 Wooster Rd.**

City/Village/Township <b>Mt. Vernon</b>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <b>43050</b>	County <b>KNOX</b>	Date of Signing <b>10-8-15</b>
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4. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name <b>SHARON</b>	Initial <b>M</b>
	Print Last Name <b>DAVIS</b>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**13042 LAKE LAND DR.**

City/Village/Township <b>FREDRICKTOWN</b>	Ward/Precinct <b>Bedlin</b>	Zip Code <b>43019</b>	County <b>KNOX</b>	Date of Signing <b>10-8-15</b>
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5. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name <b>Wanda</b>	Initial
	Print Last Name <b>Cole</b>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**28 Water Cole**

City/Village/Township <b>Mt. Vernon</b>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <b>43050</b>	County <b>KNOX</b>	Date of Signing <b>10/8/15</b>
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6. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name <b>Revelly Summerfield</b>	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**1100 Cosheater Ave 3c**

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7. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name <b>Susan Delozier</b>	Initial
	Print Last Name <b>Delozier</b>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**10 Fairway Dr.**

City/Village/Township <b>Mt. Vernon</b>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <b>43050</b>	County <b>KNOX</b>	Date of Signing <b>10-8-2015</b>
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8. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Jason	Initial K
	Print Last Name BEAVER	

Address on file with the Board of Election

6673 McLARNON RD				
City/Village/Township Howard, Ohio	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43028	County KNOX	Date of Signing 10-6-15

9. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Brittani	Initial L
	Print Last Name Hysell	

Address on file with the Board of Election

6673 McLarnon rd				
City/Village/Township Howard	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43028	County KNOX	Date of Signing 10-8-15

10. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Amy	Initial L
	Print Last Name Williams	

Address on file with the Board of Election

204 Harnwell St				
City/Village/Township Mount Vernon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX	Date of Signing 10-8-15

11. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Michael L	Initial D
	Print Last Name Williams	

Address on file with the Board of Election

204 Harnwell St.				
City/Village/Township Mount Vernon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX	Date of Signing 10-8-15

12. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Mildred	Initial
	Print Last Name Wolford	

Address on file with the Board of Election

12 Orchard Drive				
City/Village/Township Mount Vernon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX	Date of Signing 10-8-15

13. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Georgia	Initial
	Print Last Name MILLER	

Address on file with the Board of Election

19181 Coshocton RD.				
City/Village/Township Mount Vernon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX	Date of Signing 10-8-2015

14. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Steve	Initial
	Print Last Name BLAVER	

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406 SPRING ST				
City/Village/Township MOUNT VERNON	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX	Date of Signing 10-8-15



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22. Signature <i>Tyra M Brown</i>	Print First Name	Tyra	Initial	M
	Print Last Name	Brown		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
301 Arch Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mt. Vernon		43050	Knox	10-7-15

23. Signature <i>Pam Burdick</i>	Print First Name	Pamela	Initial	PB
	Print Last Name	Burdick		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
202 Stevens St

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mount Vernon		43050	Knox	10-8-15

24. Signature <i>Katie Hinger</i>	Print First Name	Katie	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Hinger		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
56 East College St

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Fredericktown		43019	Knox	10/9/15

25. Signature <i>Amy Davis</i>	Print First Name	Amy	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	Davis		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
20975 N. Liberty Rd.

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Butler		44822	Knox	10/9/15

26. Signature <i>Richard Davis</i>	Print First Name	Richard	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Davis		

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Butler		44822	Knox	10/9/15

27. Signature <i>Miriam E Hall</i>	Print First Name	MIRIAM E	Initial	
	Print Last Name	HALL		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
6759 Newark Rd

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mount Vernon		43050	Knox	10-9-15

28. Signature <i>Carolyn Hall</i>	Print First Name	CAROLYN	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Hall		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
6759 Newark Rd

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

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- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
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- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

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6/15/2010 10:10:10 AM

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Lita Berger, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 20 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

**Educated Voters**

5216 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Lita Berger  
(Signed)  
4022 E Greenway Rd #11312

(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

PhX  
City, Village or Township

AZ 85032  
State Zip Code

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County: Knox

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INITIATIVE PETITION

708563

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

30 Valid  
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SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
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- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Vernie</i>	Initial <i>DD</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Dye</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*18237 Waterford Rd*

City/Village/Township <i>Fredericktown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43019</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-5-15</i>
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2. Signature <i>Melissa Bell</i>	Print First Name <i>Melissa</i>	Initial <i>MB</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Bell</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*404 1/2 Sandusty St*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-5-15</i>
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3. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Leslie</i>	Initial <i>S</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Spalding</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1540 New Gambier Rd*

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4. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Kyle</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Hill</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*S Vaughn Ct*

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5. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Dennis</i>	Initial <i>C</i>
	Print Last Name	

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6. Signature <i>Dennis A. Rousseau</i>	Print First Name <i>DIENNE A. ROUSSEAU</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*406 S. EDGEMOOD RD*

City/Village/Township <i>MT. VERNON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>KNOX</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-5-15</i>
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7. Signature <i>Margie A Grubbaugh</i>	Print First Name <i>Margie Grubbaugh</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Grubbaugh</i>	

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*110 Ames St*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-5-15</i>
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8. Signature <i>Melissa Moore</i>	Print First Name Melissa	Print Last Name MOORE	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 237 1/2 Newark Rd			
City/Village/Township MT. VERNON	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX
			Date of Signing 10/5/2015

9. Signature <i>Don Halfpenny</i>	Print First Name Don	Print Last Name Halfpenny	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 6 Washington St			
City/Village/Township MT. VERNON	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX
			Date of Signing 10/5/15

10. Signature <i>Charles Henthorn</i>	Print First Name CHARLES	Print Last Name HENTHORN	Initial CH
Address on file with the Board of Election 402 S. HARRISON ST			
City/Village/Township MT. VERNON	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX
			Date of Signing OCT. 5, 15

11. Signature <i>Travis Doup</i>	Print First Name Travis	Print Last Name Doup	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 22 Clarence Ct.			
City/Village/Township MT. VERNON	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX
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12. Signature <i>Holly Daniels</i>	Print First Name Holly	Print Last Name Daniels	Initial HD
Address on file with the Board of Election 709 Follin Ave. Apt. A			
City/Village/Township MT. VERNON	Ward/Precinct Ohio	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX
			Date of Signing 10/5/15

13. Signature <i>Thomas W. Oakes</i>	Print First Name Thomas W.	Print Last Name Oakes	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 512 E. Hamtranch St			
City/Village/Township MT. VERNON	Ward/Precinct OK	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX
			Date of Signing 10/5/15

14. Signature <i>Margene Howes</i>	Print First Name Margene	Print Last Name Howes	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 117 E. Sugar St.			
City/Village/Township MT. VERNON	Ward/Precinct OH.	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX
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15. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Anne A Howes</i>	Anne	L
	Print Last Name	
	Howes	

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*13041 Gilchrist Rd*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mt Vernon		43050	Knox	10/5/15

16. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Jeanne M. Worley</i>	Joanne	M
	Print Last Name	
	Worley	

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*152 Jonathon Dr*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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17. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Kim L...</i>	Kim	D
	Print Last Name	
	Lenkei	

Address on file with the Board of Election

*927 E. Chestnut Blvd.*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mt Vernon	0	43050	Knox	10-5-15

18. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Linda Bricker</i>	Linda Bricker	
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election

*19900 Reunton Rd.*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Fredericktown Ohio		43019	Knox	10-18-15

19. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Linda Schumacher</i>	Linda Schumacher	
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election

*33 Plaza*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mt Vernon		43050	Knox	10/5/15

20. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Louis Grindstaff</i>	Louis Grindstaff	
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election

*502 N. Main*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mt Vernon		43050	Knox	5 Oct 15

21. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>[Redacted]</i>	<i>[Redacted]</i>	
	Print Last Name	

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22. Signature: *Jacob Higgins* Print First Name: **JACK** Initial: **J**  
 Print Last Name: **HIGGINS**

Address on file with the Board of Election: **4516 MILLERSBURG**

City/Village/Township: **Gambier** Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: **43022** County: **Knox** Date of Signing: **10-5-15**

23. Signature: *Jay Tharp* Print First Name: **JAY** Initial: **J**  
 Print Last Name: **THARP**

Address on file with the Board of Election: **313 WILSTER RD**

City/Village/Township: **MT. VERNON** Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: **43050** County: **KNOX** Date of Signing: **10/5/15**

24. Signature: *Paul Bricker* Print First Name: **Paul** Initial: **P**  
 Print Last Name: **Bricker**

Address on file with the Board of Election: **8287 Columbus Rd.**

City/Village/Township: **MT. VERNON** Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: **43050** County: **KNOX** Date of Signing: **10/5/15**

25. Signature: *Evelyn Bricker* Print First Name: **Evelyn** Initial: **E**  
 Print Last Name: **Bricker**

Address on file with the Board of Election: **8303 Columbus Rd**

City/Village/Township: **MT Vernon** Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: **43050** County: **KNOX** Date of Signing: **10-05-15**

26. Signature: *Kimberly Bricker* Print First Name: **Kimberly** Initial: **M**  
 Print Last Name: **Bricker**

Address on file with the Board of Election: **8287 Columbus Rd**

City/Village/Township: **MT Vernon** Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: **43050** County: **Knox** Date of Signing: **10/5/15**

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 Print Last Name: [Redacted]

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28. Signature: [Redacted] Print First Name: [Redacted] Initial: [Redacted]  
 Print Last Name: [Redacted]

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I, Fifi Hager, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

[Signature]  
(Signed) #1312

4000 E Greenway Rd  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Phx  
City, Village or Township

AZ  
State

85032  
Zip Code

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Number: 000021

County: ~~Franklin~~ Knox 24

**INITIATIVE PETITION**

708564

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

20 Valid  
8 Invalid

**SUMMARY**

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The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
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- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
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Columbus, Ohio 43219

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<i>Martin B. Suskental</i>	<i>Martin</i>	
	Print Last Name	
	<i>Suskental</i>	

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<i>[Redacted]</i>				
City/Village	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Galena</i>		<i>44833</i>	<i>Crawford</i>	<i>10/2/15</i>

2. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Tom Woodley</i>	<i>Tom</i>	
	Print Last Name	
	<i>Woodley</i>	

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<i>116 Martinsburg Rd</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Mt Vernon</i>		<i>43050</i>	<i>KNOX</i>	<i>10/09/15</i>

3. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Kim</i>	<i>K</i>
	Print Last Name	
	<i>Greenwalt</i>	

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<i>7400 New Delaware Rd</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Mount Ver</i>		<i>43050</i>	<i>KNOX</i>	<i>10-4-15</i>

4. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Brenda Shaffer</i>	<i>Brenda</i>	<i>B-S</i>
	Print Last Name	
	<i>Shaffer</i>	

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<i>24 Marion St</i>				
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		<i>43050</i>	<i>KNOX</i>	<i>10-4-15</i>

5. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Sara Shepard</i>	<i>SARA</i>	<i>J.</i>
	Print Last Name	
	<i>SHEPARD</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
<i>6 Oak Drive</i>				
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<i>Mt. Vernon Ohio</i>		<i>43050</i>	<i>KNOX</i>	<i>10-4-15</i>

6. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>William L Mellendorf</i>	<i>William</i>	
	Print Last Name	
	<i>Mellendorf</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
<i>222 Tamarack Drive</i>				
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<i>Mt Vernon</i>		<i>43050</i>	<i>Knox</i>	<i>10-4-15</i>

7. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Lisa Gregg</i>	<i>Lisa Gregg</i>	
	Print Last Name	
	<i>Gregg</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election				
<i>18268 George St</i>				
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8. Signature <i>Dewey Day</i>	Print First Name <i>Dewey</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>DAY</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*734 C Shakimark Dr*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>KNOX</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-4-2015</i>
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9. Signature <i>Jean Heiser</i>	Print First Name <i>JOAN</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>HEISER</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*8900 E WOODSIDE DR*

City/Village/Township <i>GAMBIER</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43022</i>	County <i>KNOX</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/4/15</i>
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10. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>Rebecca Schirtzinger</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	

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*[Redacted]*

City/Village/Township <i>MARTINSBURG</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43037</i>	County <i>KNOX</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-4-15</i>
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11. Signature <i>William Bates</i>	Print First Name <i>William</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Bates</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*418 Apple Hill N*

City/Village/Township <i>Howard</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43022</i>	County <i>KNOX</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/4/15</i>
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12. Signature <i>Brian King</i>	Print First Name <i>Brian</i>	Initial <i>G</i>
	Print Last Name <i>King</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*48 Grot Dr*

City/Village/Township <i>Fredericstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43019</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-4-15</i>
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13. Signature <i>Constance Talbott</i>	Print First Name <i>Constance</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Talbott</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*16803 Proper Rd*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-4-15</i>
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14. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>Menna</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	

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*[Redacted]*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>Knox</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-04-15</i>
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15. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	WALSHENAR MCYNARCKE	
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
 ✓ 13 GREER CN

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mt. VERNON		43050	Knox	10.03.15

16. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Sandra L. Rogers	
	Print Last Name	
	Rogers	

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 ✓ 2 Willow St East

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mt VERNON		43050	Knox	10/4/15

17. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Carole R. Bandy	
	Print Last Name	
	Bandy	

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 ✓ 81N Hartford

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Centersburg		43011	Knox	10/4/15

18. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	OTIS L.	
	Print Last Name	
	BANDY	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
 ✓ 81 N. HALTFORD AVE

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
CENTERSBURG		43011	KNOX	10/4-15

19. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Sudy	
	Print Last Name	
	Marsell	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
 ✓ 603 E. Gambier

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Mt Vernon		43050	Knox	10-4-15

20. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>[Redacted Signature]</i>	Krish	
	Print Last Name	

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 [Redacted Address]

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21. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Amy Whitaker	
	Print Last Name	

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	Print Last Name	LEVERS	

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23. Signature <i>Mary A. Styers</i>	Print First Name	MARY A. STYERS	Initial
	Print Last Name		

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*20887 DANVILLE-AMITY Rd*

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24. Signature <i>Mary Thompson</i>	Print First Name	MARY THOMPSON	Initial
	Print Last Name	THOMPSON	<i>MT</i>

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*11088 New Delaware Rd*

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<i>Mt. Vernon</i>		<i>43058</i>	<i>Knox</i>	<i>10-4-15</i>

25. Signature <i>Barbara J. Johnson</i>	Print First Name	BARBARA J. JOHNSON	Initial
	Print Last Name	JOHNSON	

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*3751 Mink*

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26. Signature <i>Pamela Burley PB</i>	Print First Name	PAMELA BURLEY	Initial
	Print Last Name	BURLEY	<i>PB</i>

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*931 W High St*

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	Print Last Name		<i>GJ</i>

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*502 N. Harrison St.*

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28. Signature <i>Carla Merrill</i>	Print First Name	CARLA MERRILL	Initial
	Print Last Name	MERRILL	<i>CM</i>

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*114 Pennsylvania Ave*

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
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- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
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Address on file with the Board of Election Richardster St.			
City/Village/Township Canton	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43315	County Morrow
2. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Jonathan H	Print Last Name Keeves	Initial JK
Address on file with the Board of Election 286 Lincoln Court +			
City/Village/Township Cardington	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43315	County Morrow
3. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Kim	Print Last Name Piatt	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 747 County Road 170			
City/Village/Township Marengo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43084	Date of Signing 10/9/2015
4. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Janice Hutton	Print Last Name Janice Hutton	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 3920 Co. Rd. 114			
City/Village/Township Cardington, OH	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County Morrow
5. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Michelle Hara	Print Last Name Michelle Hara	Initial MH
Address on file with the Board of Election 9847 Mt. Gilead			
City/Village/Township Fredericktown, OH	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43019	County Knox
6. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name DUSSE	Print Last Name Kessler	Initial DK
Address on file with the Board of Election 7357 Saware Rd.			
City/Village/Township Morrow	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County Morrow
7. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Dustin w Johnson	Print Last Name Johnson	Initial DJ
Address on file with the Board of Election Spring St APT B			
City/Village/Township Morrow	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43350	County Morrow
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	Print Last Name	Miller		
Address on file with the Board of Election 6 Third Ave.				
City/Village/Township Mt. Vernon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County KNOX	Date of Signing 10.10.15

9. Signature <i>Kurt Miller</i>	Print First Name	Kurt	Initial	R
	Print Last Name	Miller		
Address on file with the Board of Election 6 Third Ave.				
City/Village/Township Mt. Vernon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County Knox	Date of Signing 10/10/15

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11. Signature <i>Autumn Jo Buchholz</i>	Print First Name	Autumn Jo	Initial	M
	Print Last Name	Buchholz		
Address on file with the Board of Election 167 Taylor St				
City/Village/Township Fredericktown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43019	County Knox	Date of Signing 10-10-15

12. Signature <i>Stephanie Yanchunis</i>	Print First Name	Stephanie	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	Yanchunis		
Address on file with the Board of Election 406 N. Jefferson St				
City/Village/Township Mt. Vernon	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43050	County Knox	Date of Signing 10/10/15

13. Signature <i>Kathryn Frye</i>	Print First Name	Kathryn	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<del>Boyer</del> Frye		
Address on file with the Board of Election 408 South Cedar Street				
City/Village/Township Danville	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43014	County Knox	Date of Signing 10/10/15

14. Signature <i>Melissa Earnest</i>	Print First Name	Melissa	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	EARNEST		
Address on file with the Board of Election 12540 Pleasant Valley RD				
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	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 13600 WADE RD		
City/Village/Township MT. VERNON	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing 10-10-2015
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16. Signature <i>Ann Luna Ann Luna</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 9400 Westenberg Drive		
City/Village/Township Mount Vernon	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing 10-10-15
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17. Signature <i>Eva A. Brisker</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 18820 Love Rd		
City/Village/Township Fredericktown/Berlin Twp.	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing 10-10-15
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18. Signature <i>Julie E Brisker</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 15700 LOVE RD.		
City/Village/Township Berlin	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing 10-10-15
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19. Signature <i>ERNEST RANDO</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 20060 GILMORE RD		
City/Village/Township FREDERICKTOWN OH	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing 10-10-15
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20. Signature <i>Wayne Spray</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election 4833 Martinsburg RD		
City/Village/Township MT. VERNON	Ward/Precinct	Date of Signing 10-10-15
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21. Signature <i>Ashli Noland</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
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	Print Last Name	

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 11887 BRYANT RD.

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MT KERNON		43050	KNOX	10-10-15

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	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
 763 Winesap Circle

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HOWARD		43028	KNOX	10-10-15

24. Signature <i>Kelly Stevas</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

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Centerville		43011	Knox	10-10-15

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Address on file with the Board of Election  
 12526 Lower Green V. Rd.

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Morris		43050	KNOX	10-10-15

26. Signature <i>Brian Gardner</i>	Print First Name	Initial
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
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- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
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##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

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16. Signature <i>CAROLYN Coumbe</i>	Print First Name <i>CAROLYN</i>	Print Last Name <i>COUMBE</i>	Initial
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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>947 Winesap Dr</i>					
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17. Signature <i>Juan Black</i>	Print First Name <i>Juan</i>	Print Last Name <i>BLACK</i>	Initial
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18. Signature <i>Leonard A. Farrington</i>	Print First Name <i>Leonard</i>	Print Last Name <i>FARRINGTON</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
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19. Signature <i>Patricia Q. Hedglin</i>	Print First Name <i>Patricia</i>	Print Last Name <i>HEDGLIN</i>	Initial
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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3730 Apple Valley Dr.</i>					
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20. Signature <i>Lori Bales</i>	Print First Name <i>Lori</i>	Print Last Name <i>Bales</i>	Initial
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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>129 E. Sugar St</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>mt. Vernon</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43050</i>	County <i>KNOX</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-4-15</i>	

21. Signature <i>Andrew Sutton</i>	Print First Name <i>Andrew</i>	Print Last Name <i>SUTTON</i>	Initial <i>AS</i>
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	Print Last Name <i>Angelo</i>	

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23. Signature ✓ <i>Christopher Downs</i>	Print First Name <i>Christopher</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Downs</i>	

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24. Signature ✓ <i>Helen Hassel</i>	Print First Name <i>Helen</i>	Initial <i>H</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hassel</i>	

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25. Signature ✓ <i>Karen Pappas</i>	Print First Name <i>KAREN</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>PAPPAS</i>	

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	Print Last Name	

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	Print Last Name <i>CHAPMAN</i>	

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	Print Last Name <i>Sutton</i>	

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#### **Section 194.01**

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- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
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- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

Justin Harper

I, Justin Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 20 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Justin Harper  
(Signed)

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County: Scioto Lake 1

### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

350757

#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
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Columbus, Ohio 43219

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**11840 OAKHURST AVE**

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- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

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**INITIATIVE PETITION**

**229981**

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

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**SUMMARY**

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Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

**217692**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

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**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
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Columbus, Ohio 43219

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Richardson		43001	Licking	10-8-15

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	Print Last Name <i>Mullins</i>	
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County <i>Licking</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-8-15</i>	

9. Signature <i>Janice North</i>	Print First Name <i>JANICE</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>NORTH</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>7212 Blacksnake</i>		
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County <i>LICKING</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-8-15</i>	

10. Signature <i>George Coy</i>	Print First Name <i>George</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Coy</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>12978 Cooksey Rd.</i>		
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County <i>Licking</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-9-15</i>	

11. Signature <i>Ferry Smith</i>	Print First Name <i>JERRY</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>SMITH</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>7512 CROUSE WILLISON Rd.</i>		
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County <i>LICKING</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/10/15</i>	

12. Signature <i>Michelle L. Alexander</i>	Print First Name <i>Michelle L. Alexander</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>5564 Lock Road</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Hartford</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43011</i>
County <i>Licking</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/10/2015</i>	

13. Signature <i>Robin Hagg</i>	Print First Name <i>Robin</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hagg</i>	
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14. Signature <i>R Buckeningham</i>	Print First Name <i>Rachael</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Buckingham</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>604 Marion Rd</i>		
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	Hatfield	

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<i>Monica Jacks</i>	Monica	K
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	Jacks	

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Croton		43013	Licking	10-12-15

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17. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
<i>Lisa Loudermilk</i>	Lisa	M
	Print Last Name	
	Loudermilk	

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<i>Kathy Megaw</i>	Kathy	
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	Megaw	

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*8323 Homer Rd Centerburg OH*

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Fifi Harper  
(Signed)

4022 E Greenway Rd #1130  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
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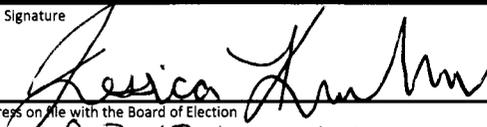
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813 Railroad St.

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2. Signature <i>Harold E. Faeble</i>	Print First Name <i>HAROLD</i>	Initial <i>H.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>FABE</i>	

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*401 B BUCKINGHAM DR.*

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3. Signature <i>Emerjine Whiteside</i>	Print First Name <i>EMERJINE</i>	Initial <i>H.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>WHITESIDE</i>	

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4. Signature <i>Arnold E. Harris</i>	Print First Name <i>ARNOLD</i>	Initial <i>E</i>
	Print Last Name <i>HARRIS</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3960 SYCAMORE LN*

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5. Signature <i>Donal D. Daniels</i>	Print First Name <i>DON</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>DANIELS</i>	

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*198 ELM ST 1C*

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6. Signature <i>Sharon Engle</i>	Print First Name <i>Sharon</i>	Initial <i>SE</i>
	Print Last Name <i>ENGLE</i>	

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7. Signature <i>James E. Canney, Sr.</i>	Print First Name <i>JAMES</i>	Initial <i>E.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>CANNEY, Sr.</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1053 MARGATE CIRCLE*

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<i>Mary J Cartwright</i>	<i>MARY</i>	<i>J</i>
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Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name
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<i>1341 ST. RT. 50 NW</i>	<i>CARTWRIGHT</i>
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<i>Carole A. Ditalia</i>	<i>CAROLE DITALIA</i>	<i>A</i>
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<i>119 COUNTRYRIDGE LANE</i>	<i>DITALIA</i>
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<i>Mark Riley</i>	<i>MARK</i>	<i>R</i>
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<i>116 Maplewood Lane</i>	<i>Riley</i>
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11. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
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<i>Don Bailey</i>	<i>DON</i>	
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Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name
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<i>137 S Main St</i>	<i>Bailey</i>
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12. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
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<i>D. Seggs</i>	<i>Dwayne</i>	
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Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name
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<i>132 S Main St</i>	<i>Seggs</i>
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<i>Barb Flichman</i>	<i>FLIEHMAN BARB</i>	<i>K</i>
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<i>27 VERNON AVE</i>	<i>FLIEHMAN</i>
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14. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
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<i>Amenda Gonzalez</i>	<i>Amenda</i>	
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<i>74 Arlington Ave</i>	<i>Gonzalez</i>
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15. Signature <i>Wilma Russell</i>	Print First Name WILMA	Initial J.
	Print Last Name RUSSELL	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*210 E Center St London, O*

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16. Signature <i>Gerald C. McHenry</i>	Print First Name GERALD	Initial
	Print Last Name MCHENRY	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*66 ~~ARLINGTON~~ ARLINGTON AVE.*

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17. Signature <i>Brittany Moore</i>	Print First Name Brittany	Initial E
	Print Last Name MOORE	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*185 N. Madison*

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18. Signature <i>Sue Lucas</i>	Print First Name Sue	Initial PS
	Print Last Name LUCAS	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*131 New St. Mt. Sterling, Ohio*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43143	County Madison	Date of Signing 9/28/15
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19. Signature <i>Kelly Tyler</i>	Print First Name Kelly	Initial KT
	Print Last Name TYLER	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*189 Washington Ave. London Ohio 43140*

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20. Signature <i>Robert J Harris</i>	Print First Name Robert	Initial
	Print Last Name HARRIS	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1855 Itamba Trl*

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21. Signature <i>Linda Little</i>	Print First Name Linda	Initial LL
	Print Last Name LITTLE	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*320 Thames Ct*

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22. Signature <i>Jessica A. Wright</i>	Print First Name	<i>Jessica</i>	Initial	<i>J</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Wright</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>489 Muirwood Drive</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>

23. Signature <i>Nancy K Creamer</i>	Print First Name	<i>Nancy</i>	Initial	<i>K</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Creamer</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1790 Old Xenia Rd SW</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>

24. Signature <i>Linda C Paul</i>	Print First Name	<i>Linda</i>	Initial	<i>C</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Paul</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1091 Kelsey Ct</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/28-15</i>

25. Signature <i>Laura Payne</i>	Print First Name	<i>Laura</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Payne</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>P.O. Box 72 225 Broad St.</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Sedalia</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43151</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>

26. Signature <i>Chad Ottman</i>	Print First Name	<i>Chad</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Ottman</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1405 Brighton Rd</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/28/15</i>

27. Signature <i>Jennifer Shunk</i>	Print First Name	<i>Jennifer Shunk</i>	Initial	<i>J S</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Shunk</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3320 US Hwy 42 SW Lot 14</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>LONDON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>4314</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>

28. Signature <i>David Lindsey</i>	Print First Name	<i>DAVID</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>LINDSEY</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3193 PAYNE THOMPSON</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>LONDON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>MADISON</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Fitz Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 20 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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5216 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Fitz Harper  
(Signed)

4022 E Greenway Rd #1130  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

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AZ  
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45230  
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### INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

909042

#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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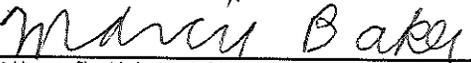
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100 Richardson Ave

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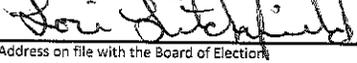
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WEST JEFFERSON		43162	MADISON	9-28-15

3. Signature 	Print First Name	Initial
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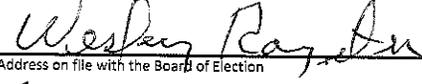
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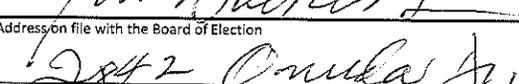
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2979 Karen Dr.

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
London	011	43140	MAISON	9-28-15

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8. Signature <i>BSVMM</i>	Print First Name <i>BONITA</i>	Initial <i>B</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Kocher</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*330 Westwood Dr.*

City/Village/Township <i>Galloway</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43119</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>
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9. Signature <i>Bob Remley</i>	Print First Name <i>ROBERT</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>REMLEY</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*206 N. MADISON RD*

City/Village/Township <i>LONDON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>MADISON</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>
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10. Signature <i>Cheryl L. Reynolds</i>	Print First Name <i>Cheryl</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Reynolds</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4300 Chrisman Rd.*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Sterling Range</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43143</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/28/15</i>
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11. Signature <i>July Pickens</i>	Print First Name <i>July</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Pickens</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4755 ST RTE 187*

City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>
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12. Signature <i>Denise Congleton</i>	Print First Name <i>Denise Congleton</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Congleton</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1018 Ansley Ct.*

City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/28/15</i>
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13. Signature <i>Jayne A. Anderson</i>	Print First Name <i>Jayne</i>	Initial <i>A.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Anderson</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*8395 Lucas Pike*

City/Village/Township <i>Plain City</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>DH</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>
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14. Signature <i>Ned A Shaffer</i>	Print First Name <i>NED G. SHAFER</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>SHAFER</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*5025 W. JEFFERSON KIOUSVILLE RD*

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15. Signature <i>Ted R Booth</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>Ted R Booth</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>29 Richmond</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>London OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>
County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/28/15</i>	

16. Signature <i>Robert Wilson</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>Wilson</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>67 W. Center St</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>
County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>	

17. Signature <i>Shelly Hill</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>Hill</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>175 W. Center St</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>
County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/28/15</i>	

18. Signature <i>Jan Scofield</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>Scofield</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>75 Arlington</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>
County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/28/15</i>	

19. Signature <i>Virginia DeRosario</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>DeRosario</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>15 Stewart Ave</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>
County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>	

20. Signature <i>Delores Heilman</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>Heilman</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1921 Chickensaw</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>London OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>
County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>	

21. Signature <i>Jeffrey Shaw</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>Shaw</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2648 W Choctaw Dr</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>LONDON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>
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22. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Desiree* Initial: *DF*

Print Last Name: *Trilling*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *235 S. main st*

City/Village/Township: *London* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43140* County: *Madison* Date of Signing: *9/28/15*

23. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Jamala P. Whitt* Initial:

Print Last Name:

Address on file with the Board of Election: *21 E. Fifth St*

City/Village/Township: *London* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43146* County: *Madison* Date of Signing: *9-28-15*

24. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Angela* Initial:

Print Last Name: *Eden*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *2 Stewart Ave*

City/Village/Township: *London* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43140* County: *Madison* Date of Signing: *09/28/15*

25. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Lena* Initial:

Print Last Name: *Jarvis*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *1 Lamp Light Ct Apt B*

City/Village/Township: *London* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43140* County: *Madison* Date of Signing: *09/28/15*

26. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Shannon* Initial:

Print Last Name: *Butts*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *130 Logan Ave*

City/Village/Township: *London* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43140* County: *Madison* Date of Signing: *9/28/15*

27. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Eric Crawford* Initial:

Print Last Name: *Eric*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *130 Logan Ave*

City/Village/Township: *London* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43140* County: *Madison* Date of Signing: *9/28/15*

28. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *SANDRA Hill* Initial:

Print Last Name: *Sandra Hill*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *231 Thorn Locust Ln (Green Meadows) Trailer Court 57 Rt 29*

City/Village/Township: *London* Ward/Precinct:  Zip Code: *43140* County: *MADISON* Date of Signing: *9-28-2015*

## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Justin Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 26 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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5216 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Justin Harper  
(Signed)

4022 E Greenway Rd  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

#11310

Phx  
City, Village or Township

AZ 85030  
State Zip Code

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY  
OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**

Number: 000003

County: Madison

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### INITIATIVE PETITION

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Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

#### TITLE

909043

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

#### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>[Signature]</i> Madison	Print First Name William	Initial <i>[Initials]</i>
	Print Last Name KONTRAS	

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3025 Little Darby Rd

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2. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Steve	Initial
	Print Last Name POCOCK	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
107 TRAM BL

City/Village/Township MT STAR 1149	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43143	County MADISON	Date of Signing 9-30-15
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3. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Norma J. Martin	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
113 D So Oak St.

City/Village/Township London Ohio	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43140	County Madison	Date of Signing 9-30-15
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4. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Leonard	Initial 9-30-15
	Print Last Name MARTIN	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
130 S. OAK ST

City/Village/Township London, Ohio	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43140	County Madison	Date of Signing 9-30-15
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5. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name WILLIAM	Initial
	Print Last Name CROAKE	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
155 DANBURY RD, WEST JEFFERSON, OH

City/Village/Township W. JEFFERSON	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43162	County MADISON	Date of Signing 9-30-15
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6. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name JEFFREY	Initial B
	Print Last Name HARRIS	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
127 Mound Street

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7. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Vicky	Initial
	Print Last Name Howard	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
198 Elm St.

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8. Signature <i>Cheryl Konkus</i>	Print First Name	<i>Cheryl</i>	Initial	<i>L.</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Konkus</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>198 Elm St. Apt 2E</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>OH</i>	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>30 Sept 2015</i>

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9. Signature <i>Glenda K. Harsh</i>	Print First Name	<i>Glenda</i>	Initial	<i>K.</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Harsh</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>85 Arthur Bradley Rd</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>OH</i>	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-30-15</i>

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10. Signature <i>Bradford McMillan</i>	Print First Name	<i>BRADFORD</i>	Initial	<i>B</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>McMILLAN</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1050-H SEACODE CIR.</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>LONDON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>MADISON</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/30/15</i>

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11. Signature <i>Donnie Hammons</i>	Print First Name	<i>DONNIE</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>HAMMONS</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1612 Bay St</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-30-15</i>

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12. Signature <i>Mary E. Burke</i>	Print First Name	<i>MARY</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>BURKE</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>74 Arlington Ave</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>4-C</i>	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>MADISON</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-30-15</i>

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13. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name	<i>[Redacted]</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>[Redacted]</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>LONDON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>MADISON</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-30-15</i>

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14. Signature <i>Mark E Travis</i>	Print First Name	<i>MARK</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>TRAVIS</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>10 LAMPNIGHT CT APT E</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>MADISON LONDON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>	County <i>MADISON</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/30/15</i>

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15. Signature <i>William C. Scheer</i>	Print First Name <i>William</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Scheer</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*57 North Madison*

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16. Signature <i>William R. Yin II</i>	Print First Name <i>William</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>YIN II</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4701 BT R.T. 56 SE*

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17. Signature <i>Tammy Dicks</i>	Print First Name <i>Tammy</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>NICKS</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1438 Otawamba Rd.*

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18. Signature <i>Melodye Busch</i>	Print First Name <i>Melodye</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Busch</i>	

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*22 Stamp LN*

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19. Signature <i>Brian Thompson</i>	Print First Name <i>Brian</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Thompson</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*200 S. OAK ST*

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20. Signature <i>Russann Dillard</i>	Print First Name <i>Russann</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Dillard</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2076 Cherokee DR*

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21. Signature <i>Emily Daniel</i>	Print First Name <i>Emily</i>	Initial <i>ED</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Daniel</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*149 North Oak Street*

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22. Signature <i>Charles Dillard</i>	Print First Name Charles	Initial CD
	Print Last Name Dillard Sr	

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390 Landis Ln

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23. Signature <i>Eugene Sexton</i>	Print First Name Eugene	Initial ES
	Print Last Name SEXTON	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
221 Park Ave

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24. Signature <i>Carolyn Graham</i>	Print First Name CAROLYN	Initial
	Print Last Name GRAHAM	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
12040 Kings Pal. Rd.

City/Village/Township Huntingburg	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43143	County Mad.	Date of Signing 9/30/15
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25. Signature <i>Tammy Carson</i>	Print First Name Tammy	Initial T
	Print Last Name CARSON	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
180 E. First St

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26. Signature <i>Jay Cards</i>	Print First Name Jay	Initial
	Print Last Name CARDS	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
90 Antietam St.

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27. Signature <i>Jan Ray</i>	Print First Name Jessica	Initial
	Print Last Name RAY	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
40 Nunion St

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28. Signature <i>Dale P. Sexton</i>	Print First Name DALE P. SEXTON	Initial DPS
	Print Last Name SEXTON	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
94 West Beard

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Bill Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Bill Harper

(Signed)

4022 E Greenway

(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

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City, Village or Township

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State

85030

Zip Code

Rd # 11312

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**INITIATIVE PETITION**

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

999044

**SUMMARY**

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>Jannise Williams</i>	Print First Name	<i>Jannise</i>	Initial	<i>A</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Williams</i>		

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*7443 Yanketown Chenoweth*

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2. Signature <i>Rodger Lynch</i>	Print First Name	<i>Rodger Lynch</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>LYNCH</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*296 Darby View Dr*

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<i>WEST JEFFERSON</i>		<i>43162</i>	<i>MADISON</i>	<i>9/28/15</i>

3. Signature <i>Gene M Pass</i>	Print First Name	<i>GENE M PASS</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>PASS</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3467 Payne Thompson Rd*

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4. Signature <i>Gray P. Walker</i>	Print First Name	<i>GARY</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>WALKER</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4630 LILLY CHAPEL OPOSSEUM RUN RD*

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5. Signature <i>David H. Maharrey</i>	Print First Name	<i>DAVID</i>	Initial	<i>H</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>MAHARREY</i>		

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6. Signature <i>Jay D. Smith</i>	Print First Name	<i>GARY</i>	Initial	<i>L</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>SMITH</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3235 Kousville Rd*

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<i>West Jefferson</i>		<i>43162</i>	<i>MADISON</i>	<i>9-28-15</i>

7. Signature <i>Thomas A Morris</i>	Print First Name	<i>Thomas A</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>MORRIS</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1091 US Hwy 42 SE*

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8. Signature *Wesley* Print First Name *Wesley* Initial *WH*  
 Print Last Name *Wesley*  
 [Redacted Address] *43145 Madison 9-28-15*

9. Signature *Mary Anne Wood* Print First Name *Mary Anne* Initial  
 Print Last Name *Wood*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election  
*115 S Union St*  
 City/Village/Township *London* Ward/Precinct Zip Code *43140* County *Madison* Date of Signing *9-28-15*

10. Signature *Mable E Berlin* Print First Name Initial  
 Print Last Name *MABLE Berlin*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election  
*99 S Union Lakes 43140 Madison 9-28-15*  
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11. Signature *Philip M. Goodgear* Print First Name Initial  
 Print Last Name *Philip M. Goodgear*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election  
*188 N. Main St.*  
 City/Village/Township *London Ohio* Ward/Precinct Zip Code *43140* County *Madison* Date of Signing *9-28-15*

12. Signature *James Delany* Print First Name Initial  
 Print Last Name *James Delany*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1004 Bankery Ct*  
 City/Village/Township *London* Ward/Precinct Zip Code *43140* County *Madison* Date of Signing *9/28/15*

13. Signature *Danielle Martin* Print First Name Initial  
 Print Last Name *Danielle Martin*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election  
*11 S. Oak St*  
 City/Village/Township *London* Ward/Precinct Zip Code *43140* County *Madison* Date of Signing *9/28/15*

14. Signature *Erin Jones* Print First Name Initial *EJ*  
 Print Last Name *Erin Jones*  
 Address on file with the Board of Election  
*195 South Oak St.*  
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15. Signature <i>Dwight Jones</i>	Print First Name <i>Dwight</i>	Initial <i>D.J.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Jones</i>	

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16. Signature <i>Michelle DeHart</i>	Print First Name <i>Michelle</i>	Initial <i>MD</i>
	Print Last Name <i>DeHart</i>	

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*91.5. Madison Rd A*

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17. Signature <i>Robin Pettit</i>	Print First Name <i>Robin</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Pettit</i>	

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*915 Madison*

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18. Signature <i>Joyce Payne</i>	Print First Name <i>Joyce Payne</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>PAYNE</i>	

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*331 Bishop Dr*

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19. Signature <i>Tyrone E. Artis</i>	Print First Name <i>Tyrone E. Artis</i>	Initial <i>T.A.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>"</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1093 Wesley Dr.*

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20. Signature <i>Teresa Wilson</i>	Print First Name <i>Teresa</i>	Initial <i>E</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Wilson</i>	

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*[REDACTED]*

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21. Signature <i>[REDACTED]</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*[REDACTED]*

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22. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>769 US ST RT 42 SE lot 25</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>
County <i>Madison</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-28-15</i>	

23. Signature <i>Richard R. Travis SR.</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>112 Olive St</i>		
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25. Signature <i>Brenda Finney</i>	Print First Name	Initial
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26. Signature <i>Vicky Victor</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
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City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>4A</i>	Zip Code <i>43140</i>
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27. Signature <i>Sharon E. Van Dyke</i>	Print First Name	Initial
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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1439 maplewood Lane</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>
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28. Signature <i>Don Ellis</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>198 ELM</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>London</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43140</i>
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

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### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

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##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
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- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
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- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, F. F. Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

F. F. Harper  
(Signed)  
4022 E Greenway Rd # 7130  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route  
Mt  
City, Village or Township  
AZ 85030  
State Zip Code

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County: Madison

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**INITIATIVE PETITION**

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Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

989346

**SUMMARY**

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

## **CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

## **COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
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Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>Latasha Jackson</i>	Print First Name	<i>Latasha</i>	Initial	<i>A</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>JACKSON</i>		

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2. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	<i>[Signature]</i>	Initial	<i>L</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>SONNARDS</i>		

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*10380 Lafayette Plain City Rd*

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3. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	<i>Gregory</i>	Initial	<i>S</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>[Signature]</i>		

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4. Signature <i>John Moran</i>	Print First Name	<i>John</i>	Initial	<i>JEM</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>MORAN</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*231 North Main*

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5. Signature <i>William White</i>	Print First Name	<i>WILLIAM</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>WHITELOW</i>		

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*221 Toland St*

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6. Signature <i>Danielle Hasselbal</i>	Print First Name	<i>Danielle</i>	Initial	<i>L</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>[Signature]</i>		

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7. Signature <i>Ruth Blain</i>	Print First Name	<i>RUTH</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>BLAIN</i>		

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8. Signature <i>Lisa Hartschulte</i>	Print First Name	<i>Lisa</i>	Initial	<i>LH</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Haltschulte</i>		

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9. Signature <i>Janice M. Moorehead</i>	Print First Name	<i>JANICE</i>	Initial	<i>JM</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>MOOREHEAD</i>		

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<i>Galloway</i>		<i>43119</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>9-28-15</i>

10. Signature <i>Rachel Reeve</i>	Print First Name	<i>Rachel</i>	Initial	<i>RR</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Reeve</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>412 Middle Dr</i>				
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<i>WJ</i>		<i>43162</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>9-28-15</i>

11. Signature <i>Andrew Harris</i>	Print First Name	<i>Andrew</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Harris</i>		

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12. Signature <i>[REDACTED]</i>	Print First Name	<i>Amanda</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Cresswell</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[REDACTED]</i>				
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<i>So. Charleston</i>		<i>45368</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>9-28-15</i>

13. Signature <i>Barbara A. Reader</i>	Print First Name	<i>Barbara</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Reader</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1086 Keny Blvd.</i>				
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14. Signature <i>Lana Meadows</i>	Print First Name	<i>Lana</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Meadows</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1085 Hartford Ln</i>				
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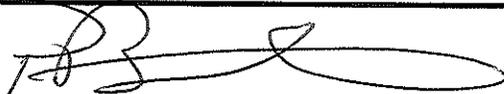
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15. Signature:  Print First Name: Paul Print Last Name: Bennett Initial: PAB

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16. Signature:  Print First Name: Holly Print Last Name: Rivaard Initial: H

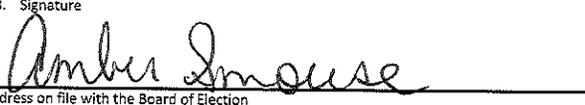
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17. Signature:  Print First Name: Amber Print Last Name: Smouse Initial: AS

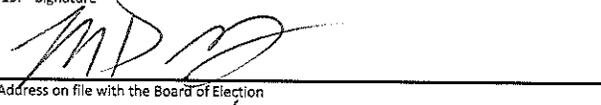
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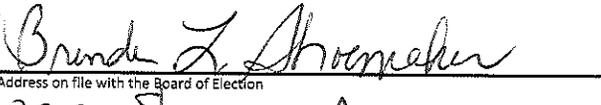
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19. Signature:  Print First Name: Frank Print Last Name: White Initial: F

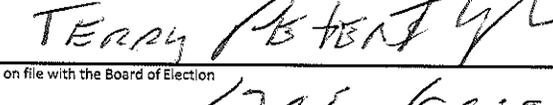
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20. Signature:  Print First Name: Brenda L. Shoemaker Print Last Name: Shoemaker Initial: BS

Address on file with the Board of Election: 377 Sherman Ave

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21. Signature:  Print First Name: Terry Print Last Name: Peters Initial: T

Address on file with the Board of Election: 6705 Gregg Mill Rd.

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(Signed)

4022 E Greenway Rd #11312

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 Print First Name: *ROD CAW* Initial:   
 Print Last Name:   
 Address on file with the Board of Election:   
*402 Minwood Dr*

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 Print First Name: *John* Initial:   
 Print Last Name: *MSVICK*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *304 McLenen*  
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3. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Print First Name: *Robert Jones* Initial:   
 Print Last Name: *JONES*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *113 Olive St*  
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 Print First Name: *Carmen* Initial:   
 Print Last Name: *JONES*

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5. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Print First Name: *Brian* Initial:   
 Print Last Name:   
 Address: *[Redacted]*

City/Village/Township: *Sedalia OH* Ward/Precinct:   
 Zip Code: *43151* County: *Madison* Date of Signing: *9/30/15*

6. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Print First Name: *Susan* Initial:   
 Print Last Name: *MURPHY*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *144 S. Oct St*  
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7. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Print First Name: *Michael* Initial: *MD*  
 Print Last Name: *DAVILL*

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	Print Last Name	Jackson		

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174 S oak st

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London		43140	Madison	9-30-15

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	Print Last Name	THOMPSON		

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7 McNeal ct

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London		43140	MADISON	9/30/15

17. Signature MRA B Elyse Johnson	Print First Name	Elizabeth	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Johnson		

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London		43140	Madison	9/30/15

18. Signature ✓ Teresa Wright	Print First Name	Teresa	Initial	C
	Print Last Name	Wright		

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London		43140	Madison	9-30-15

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	Print Last Name	KENNEDY		

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415 PARKWAY DR.

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Jefferson		43162	Madison	9-30-15

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	Print Last Name	CUNNINGHAM		

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28 E LINCOLN AVE

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LONDON		43140	MADISON	9-30-15

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	Print Last Name	Conley		

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	Print Last Name <i>Lightfoot</i>	

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*5 Lamplight Court APPE London, Ohio*

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

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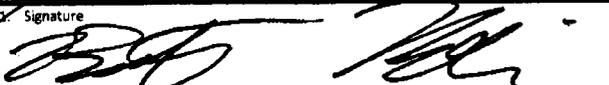
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

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### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

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- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
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- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Liti Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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5216 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Liti Harper  
(Signed)

11022 E Greenway Rd  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)

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**INITIATIVE PETITION**

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

**017917**

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**SUMMARY**

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

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Dayton, Ohio 45405

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MARCH 2016

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## INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

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1. Signature: *Emily B Sayre* (with handwritten "No" to the left)

Print First Name: *Casey* Initial: *B*  
 Print Last Name: *Sayre*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *26014 Legion rd*

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2. Signature: *Kenny Welch* (with handwritten "No" to the left)

Print First Name: *Kenny* Initial: *W*  
 Print Last Name: *Welch*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *36579 Lemock Grove*

City/Village/Township: <i>Pomeroy</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>45671</i>	County: <i>Meigs</i>	Date of Signing: <i>10-29-15</i>
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3. Signature: *Mary D Carter* (with handwritten "No" to the left)

Print First Name: *Mary* Initial:  
 Print Last Name: *Carter*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *37819 St Rt 689*

City/Village/Township: <i>Albany</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>45710</i>	County: <i>Meigs</i>	Date of Signing: <i>10-29-15</i>
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4. Signature: *Michelle L Burns* (with handwritten "No" to the left)

Print First Name: *Michelle* Initial: *L*  
 Print Last Name: *Shuler*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *32415 Red Hill Road*

City/Village/Township: <i>Lanesville</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>45741</i>	County: <i>Meigs</i>	Date of Signing: <i>10-30-15</i>
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5. Signature: *Belinda Soulsby* (with handwritten "No" to the left)

Print First Name: *Belinda* Initial: *V*  
 Print Last Name: *Soulsby*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *36971 Rock Springs Rd*

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6. Signature: *Tom Soulsby* (with handwritten "No" to the left)

Print First Name: *Tom* Initial: *T*  
 Print Last Name: *Soulsby*

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Fiji Harjo, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

Educated Voters  
5216 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Fiji Harjo

(Signed)

4022 E Greenway Rd

(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
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**INITIATIVE PETITION**

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

240782

*John*  
*TST*

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

**SUMMARY**

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

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- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

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Dayton, Ohio 45402

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Dayton, Ohio 45405

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	Print Last Name <i>Kellar</i>	

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*231 N Second Street*

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**\*(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, P. H. Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 290 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

P. H. Harper

(Signed)

# 11312  
4022 E Greenway Rd  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Phx

City, Village or Township

AZ

State

85032

Zip Code

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Number: 000590

County: Montgomery

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## INITIATIVE PETITION

0149

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

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### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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1. Signature <i>Theresa M. Seide</i>	Print First Name	Initial
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*900 Pimlico Dr. Apt. 2A*

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Centerville</i>		<i>45459</i>	<i>Montgomery</i>	<i>9/27/15</i>

2. Signature <i>Patrick Rogers</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4613 Maughn Dr*

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<i>Dayton</i>		<i>45431</i>	<i>Montgomery</i>	<i>9/27/15</i>

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I, Jill Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 20 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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Jill Harper  
(Signed) #11312

4022 E Greenway Rd  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

PHX  
City, Village or Township

AZ 85032  
State Zip Code

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Number: 000603

County: Montgomery

## INITIATIVE PETITION

0162

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

### TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

135910

### SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

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535 Lee Street Apt. A

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2. Signature <i>Gary A. Boner</i>	Print First Name GARY	Initial	Print Last Name BONER
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7611 ST RT 19

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3. Signature <i>Jane Boner</i>	Print First Name Jane	Initial JB	Print Last Name Boner
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4. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name ANBOZA	Initial	Print Last Name VAN DIKE
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5. Signature <i>Michael L. Van Dyke</i>	Print First Name Michael	Initial L.	Print Last Name VAN DYKE
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178 E. North St. Apt. A

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6. Signature <i>Beatrice Hoack</i>	Print First Name BEATRICE	Initial	Print Last Name HOACK
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1829 Co Rd 137

City/Village/Township Candlington	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 43315	County Morrow	Date of Signing 10-21-15
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7. Signature <i>Jamarc Ufferman</i>	Print First Name JAMARC	Initial	Print Last Name UFFERMAN
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2193 County Rd 206

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8. Signature <i>Sherry George</i>	Print First Name	Sherry George	Initial	L
	Print Last Name	George		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
5550 CR 25

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Cardington		43315	Morrow	10-21-15

9. Signature <i>Veda Holley</i>	Print First Name	Veda	Initial	F
	Print Last Name	Holley		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
5509 TWP RD. 213

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Marengo		43334	Morrow	10-21-15

10. Signature <i>Sherry L. Graham</i>	Print First Name	Sherry L. Graham	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Graham		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
197 W 4th St.

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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11. Signature <i>John E. House</i>	Print First Name	JOHN E. HOUSE	Initial	JEB
	Print Last Name	HOUSE		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
600 DOUGLAS ST. APT-B6

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
MOUNT GILBARD		93338	MORROW	10-21-15

12. Signature <i>Mary Ertl</i>	Print First Name	Mary	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Ertl		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
7155 CR 9

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Edison		43320	Morrow	10/21/15

13. Signature <i>Nancy Ciccone</i>	Print First Name	NANCY	Initial	
	Print Last Name	CICCONI		

Address on file with the Board of Election  
106 E. Main St.

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Jackson		43321	Morrow	10/21/15

14. Signature <i>Courtney Linkous</i>	Print First Name	Courtney	Initial	C
	Print Last Name	Linkous		

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3490 US Hwy 42

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15. Signature <i>Sandra K White</i>	Print First Name	Sandra	Initial
	Print Last Name	White	

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6478 CR 121 Mt Gilead Oh 43338

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Oh Mt Gilead		43338	Morrow	10/21/15

16. Signature <i>Phil George</i>	Print First Name	PHIL	Initial
	Print Last Name	George	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
3700 TURPIN MARENGO

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Morango		43334	MORROW	10/21/15

17. Signature <i>Kathleen Adams</i>	Print First Name	KATHleen	Initial
	Print Last Name	Adams	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2424 ST RT 314

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Fredericktown		43019	MORROW	10/21/15

18. Signature <i>Tammy L Goodman</i>	Print First Name	Tammy	Initial
	Print Last Name	Goodman	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
6176 Congress St.

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mt. Gilead		43338	Morrow	10-21-15

19. Signature <i>Kristy L Goodman</i>	Print First Name	Kristy	Initial
	Print Last Name	Goodman	

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6176 Congress St

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Mt. Gilead		43338	Morrow	10-21-15

20. Signature <i>Sharon Campbell</i>	Print First Name	SHARON	Initial
	Print Last Name	CAMPBELL	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
506 Dogwood Lane

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	Print Last Name	Sipe	

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232 W. UNION ST.

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	Print Last Name <i>Stout</i>	

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23. Signature	Print First Name <i>Sandra</i>	Initial <i>SS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Stooksbury</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4726 Top. Rd. 161*

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24. Signature	Print First Name <i>Tony</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Demarest</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4129 5th St So*

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25. Signature	Print First Name <i>Melody</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Barler</i>	

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*7326 St. Rt. 19 unit 1603*

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	Print Last Name <i>SHEETS</i>	

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*285 Douglas St. M*

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	Print Last Name <i>SMITH</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*516 Lee Street*

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	Print Last Name <i>Butterman</i>	

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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

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- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
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- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

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1. Signature <i>Mike Sherman</i>	Print First Name <i>Mike Sherman</i>	Initial <i>MS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Sherman</i>	

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<i>4515 Twp Rd 77 Mt. Gilead</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>MT. Gilead</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43338</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-25-15</i>

2. Signature <i>Norma Sherman</i>	Print First Name <i>Norma</i>	Initial <i>NS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Sherman</i>	

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3. Signature <i>Connie Sherman</i>	Print First Name <i>Mike Sherman</i>	Initial <i>CS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Sherman</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election

<i>6640 + R. 119</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Fredericktown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43019</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/25/15</i>

4. Signature <i>Jessica Carter</i>	Print First Name <i>Jessica Carter</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Carter</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election

<i>2895 Co Rd 170</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Marengo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43334</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/25/15</i>

5. Signature <i>Mary Ringle</i>	Print First Name <i>MARY RINGLER</i>	Initial <i>M.</i>
	Print Last Name	

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<i>4688 Twp. Rd. 121</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Mc. Ghees.</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>Dummy</i>	Zip Code <i>43338</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/25/15</i>

6. Signature <i>Kerry Ball</i>	Print First Name <i>KERRY</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	

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<i>11 1/2 SOUTH MAIN APT 3</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>MT GILEAD</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43338</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/25/15</i>

7. Signature <i>Low Blaud</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

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<i>9-100 Suprd 112</i>				
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8. Signature <i>Sarah Glines</i>	Print First Name SARAH	Initial
	Print Last Name GLINES	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
531 Cypress Lane

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9. Signature <i>William Phillips</i>	Print First Name William	Initial
	Print Last Name Phillips	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
1 1/2 S. Main St

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10. Signature <i>Tina Hampton</i>	Print First Name Tina	Initial
	Print Last Name Hampton	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
2465 County Rd 26

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11. Signature <i>Ruth Fackler</i>	Print First Name RUTH	Initial
	Print Last Name FACKLER	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
3515 TR 21

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12. Signature <i>Victoria Turner</i>	Print First Name Victoria	Initial A
	Print Last Name TURNER	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
4952 St Rt 61

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13. Signature <i>Shauna Robinson</i>	Print First Name SHAUNA	Initial L
	Print Last Name ROBINSON	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
701 BAKER ST

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14. Signature <i>Jeff Miller</i>	Print First Name Jeff	Initial
	Print Last Name MILLER	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
3582 Co Rd 217

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15. Signature <i>Chloe Tiller</i>	Print First Name	<i>Chloe Tiller</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>Tiller</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>6985 Twp Rd 195</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Centerville</i>		<i>43011</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>10-25-15</i>

16. Signature <i>Mark Zellner</i>	Print First Name	<i>MARK</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>ZELLNER</i>	<i>A</i>

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>6075 Co RD 23</i>				
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<i>MT GILEAD</i>		<i>43338</i>	<i>MORROW</i>	<i>10-25-15</i>

17. Signature <i>Ananna Shadwick</i>	Print First Name	<i>Ananna</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>SHADWICK</i>	<i>AS</i>

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3995 Twp rd 16</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Marengo</i>		<i>43334</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>10-25-15</i>

18. Signature <i>Mary Slone</i>	Print First Name	<i>MARY</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>SLOWE</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>117 N. Walnut St</i>				
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<i>Mt. Gilead</i>		<i>43338</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>10-25-15</i>

19. Signature <i>William Moon</i>	Print First Name	<i>William</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>MOON</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>651 S. Main St.</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>MORROW Mt. Gilead</i>		<i>43338</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>10-25-15</i>

20. Signature <i>Kathy Haycock</i>	Print First Name	<i>Kathy</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>HAYCOCK</i>	<i>KH</i>

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>117 N Walnut Str</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Mt. Gilead OH</i>		<i>43338</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>10-25-15</i>

21. Signature <i>Michael Beck</i>	Print First Name	<i>MICHAEL</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	<i>BECK</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>6009 Backey Ln</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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22. Signature <i>Karen Tuggle</i>	Print First Name <i>Karen</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Tuggle</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*546 Lee St.*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Gilead</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43338</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-25-15</i>
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23. Signature <i>Monty Rose</i>	Print First Name <i>Monty</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>ROSE</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*227 EAST MAIN STREET*

City/Village/Township <i>CARDINGTON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43315</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/25/15</i>
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24. Signature <i>John Bridges J.</i>	Print First Name <i>John</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>BRIDGES</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3119 Twp. Rd. 124*

City/Village/Township <i>CARDINGTON</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43315</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-25-15</i>
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25. Signature <i>Marcie Beers</i>	Print First Name <i>Marcie</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Beers</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*3805 Twp Rd 145*

City/Village/Township <i>Mount Gilead</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43338</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-25-15</i>
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26. Signature <i>William C Gartzke</i>	Print First Name <i>William C Gartzke</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>William C Gatzke</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*1620 CR 170*

City/Village/Township <i>Morrow</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43339</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-25-15</i>
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27. Signature <i>A. Bramfield</i>	Print First Name <i>ANGELA</i>	Initial <i>AB</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Bramfield</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*496 Lee St*

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28. Signature <i>John Ramsey</i>	Print First Name <i>John</i>	Initial <i>P.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Ramsey</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*89 N. Main St. Apt. C*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt. Gilead</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43338</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/25/15</i>
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Tim Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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5216 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Tim Harper  
(Signed) # 11312  
4022 E Greenway Rd  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route  
Phy  
City, Village or Township  
AZ 85037  
State Zip Code

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Number: 000003

County: Morrow (28)

**INITIATIVE PETITION**

(26) MBS

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

**TITLE**

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

• 135546

**SUMMARY**

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

**CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General  
August 3, 2015

**COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS**

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth  
1243 Wilson Dr.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland  
3811 N. Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones  
5903 Bear Creek Dr.  
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman  
2618 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>Teresa Mooney</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

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*2417 Co Rd 69*

City/Village/Township <i>Edison</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43320</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/25/15</i>
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2. Signature <i>Patricia Stinson</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*6300 US Hwy 42*

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3. Signature <i>Gerard Agy</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*186 Co Rd 2400*

City/Village/Township <i>Ashley</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43003</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/26/15</i>
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4. Signature <i>Tressa Young</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*5831 twp Rd 105*

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5. Signature <i>Helen Edwards</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*5355 Twp. Rd. 128*

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6. Signature <i>Whann Adkins</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*407 S. Delaware Bl*

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7. Signature <i>Chris Thompson</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4020 Twp Rd 178*

City/Village/Township <i>Federicktown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43209</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-15</i>
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8. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name **TAMMY** Initial **L**

Print Last Name **TINKY**

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**7385 ST Rt Bellville 136 N. Rich St**

City/Village/Township **Mt Gilead** Ward/Precinct **43338** County **Morrow** Date of Signing **10-26-15**

9. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name **DANA** Initial **L**

Print Last Name **ANDREWS**

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**5089 Co Rd 101**

City/Village/Township **Mt. Gilead** Ward/Precinct **43338** County **Morrow** Date of Signing **10-26-15**

10. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name **Catherine** Initial **L**

Print Last Name **SMITH**

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**2134 Tup Rd 136**

City/Village/Township **Cardington** Ward/Precinct **On** Zip Code **43315** County **Morrow** Date of Signing **10/26/15**

11. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name **Kim** Initial **L**

Print Last Name **Mainer**

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**246 Tup Rd 190**

City/Village/Township **Fredericktown** Ward/Precinct **OH** Zip Code **43019** County **Morrow** Date of Signing **10-26-15**

12. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name **Mae** Initial **L**

Print Last Name **HUGHES**

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**92 N main St.**

City/Village/Township **Marengo** Ward/Precinct **43334** County **Morrow** Date of Signing **10-26-2015**

13. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name **Kimberly J.** Initial **L**

Print Last Name **Mitchell**

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**5350 Harmony Tup. Rd. 185**

City/Village/Township **Cardington** Ward/Precinct **43315** County **Morrow** Date of Signing **10-26-2015**

14. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name **Donna L. Oates** Initial **L**

Print Last Name **Oates**

Address on file with the Board of Election  
**8867 Denman Rd.**

City/Village/Township **Lexington** Ward/Precinct **44904** County **Morrow** Date of Signing **10/26/15**

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15. Signature <i>Carol Gist</i>	Print First Name <i>Carol</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Gist</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*6819 Sup Rd 66*

City/Village/Township <i>Edison</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43320</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-15</i>
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16. Signature <i>Mary Trimmer</i>	Print First Name <i>Mary Trimmer</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2952 Co. Rd. 178*

City/Village/Township <i>Cardington</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43315</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-15</i>
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17. Signature <i>Earl F. Gattshall</i>	Print First Name <i>EARL F. GATTSHALL</i>	Initial <i>E.F.G.</i>
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*350 Elmest Drive*

City/Village/Township <i>MOUNT GILEAD</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43338</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-15</i>
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18. Signature <i>Patty Baldwin</i>	Print First Name <i>Patty</i>	Initial <i>PB</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Baldwin</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*7425 St Rt 19*

City/Village/Township <i>Mt Gilead</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43338</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-15</i>
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19. Signature <i>Donald E. Trimble</i>	Print First Name <i>DONALD E. TRIMBLE</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*5266 Co RD 57*

City/Village/Township <i>GALION</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44833</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-2015</i>
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20. Signature <i>Larry Clark</i>	Print First Name <i>LARRY</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>CLARK</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4445 COUNTY ROAD 213*

City/Village/Township <i>Marengo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43334</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-2015</i>
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21. Signature <i>Angela Carron</i>	Print First Name <i>Angela</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>CARRON</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*247 Township Rd*

City/Village/Township <i>Cardington</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43315</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-15</i>
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22. Signature <i>Dwight McFarland</i>	Print First Name <i>Dwight</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>McFarland</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*147 E Main st*

City/Village/Township <i>Cardington</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43315</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>	Date of Signing <i>10.26.15</i>
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23. Signature <i>Wilma Hubbard</i>	Print First Name <i>Wilma</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Hubbard</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*6342 Co Rd 25*

City/Village/Township <i>Cardington</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43315</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-15</i>
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24. Signature <i>Robert A Hubbard</i>	Print First Name <i>Robert</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hubbard</i>	

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25. Signature <i>Wendell Thompson</i>	Print First Name <i>Wendell</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Thompson</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2868 JS Hwy 42*

City/Village/Township <i>Cardington</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43315</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-15</i>
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26. Signature <i>John P. Neitzsamer</i>	Print First Name <i>John P.</i>	Initial <i>JPN</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Neitzsamer</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*206 N. Marion St*

City/Village/Township <i>Cardington OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43315</i>	County <i>Morrow county</i>	Date of Signing <i>10-26-2015</i>
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27. Signature <i>Colette R. Jones</i>	Print First Name <i>Colette</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>JONES</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*2090 CR 156*

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28. Signature <i>Sandra K Graham</i>	Print First Name <i>Sandra</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Graham</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election  
*4160 Co. Rd. 57*

City/Village/Township <i>Galien</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44833</i>	County <i>MORROW</i>	Date of Signing <i>10/26/2015</i>
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## FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

### **Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief**

#### **Section 194.01**

##### **(A) Title.**

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

##### **(B) Findings and Declarations.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

##### **(C) Purposes and Intent.**

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

**(D) Drug Pricing.**

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

**(E) Liberal Construction.**

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**(F) Severability.**

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

**(G) Legal Defense.**

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Fifi Harper, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of JD electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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5216 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45230

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Fifi Harper  
(Signed)

400 E Greenway Rd #310  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)  
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

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State Zip Code

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