

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 811

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A RESOLUTION relative to the classification of the illegal distribution of fentanyl and analogues as an act of terrorism.

WHEREAS, a Foreign Terrorist Organization must meet the three criteria set forth by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, these three criteria require that the Foreign Terrorist Organization be a foreign organization, engage in or retain the capability and intent to engage in terrorism, and threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national defense, foreign relations, or the economic interests of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-803, defines an act of terrorism as a criminal act committed with intent to intimidate or coerce a civilian population, influence the policy of a unit of government by intimidation or coercion, or affect the conduct of a unit of government by murder, assassination, torture, kidnapping, or mass destruction; and

WHEREAS, trafficking of fentanyl and its analogues demonstrates an intent to coerce or intimidate a civilian population and influence the conduct of a unit of government by mass destruction and, therefore, meets the statutory definition of terrorism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the State of Tennessee supports efforts at the federal level to designate entities that meet these criteria as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.