

By: Representative Currie

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 80

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 2-9, 2021, AS
2 "TARDIVE DYSKINESIA (TD) AWARENESS WEEK" THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF
3 MISSISSIPPI TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTIVELY DIAGNOSING
4 AND TREATING THE DISORDER.

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

10 WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can
11 be very helpful, and even lifesaving for many people, it can also
12 lead to Tardive Dyskinesia (TD); and

13 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia is a movement disorder that is
14 characterized by random, involuntary and uncontrolled movements of
15 different muscles in the face, trunk and extremities; and

16 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia can develop months, years or
17 decades after a person starts taking DRBAs and even after they
18 have discontinued use of those medications; and



19 WHEREAS, while not everyone who takes a DRBA develops TD,
20 which is often permanent if developed, it is estimated that over
21 500,000 Americans suffer from Tardive Dyskinesia; and

22 WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance for Mental
23 Illness, one in every four patients receiving long-term treatment
24 with an antipsychotic medication will experience Tardive
25 Dyskinesia; and

26 WHEREAS, years of difficult and challenging research have
27 resulted in recent scientific breakthroughs, with two new
28 treatments for Tardive Dyskinesia approved by the United States
29 Food and Drug Administration; and

30 WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia is often unrecognized and
31 patients suffering from the illness are commonly misdiagnosed.
32 Regular screening for TD in patients taking DRBA medications is
33 recommended by the American Psychiatric Association (APA); and

34 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature can raise awareness of
35 Tardive Dyskinesia in the public and medical community; and

36 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
37 recognize and acknowledge matters of significance such as Tardive
38 Dyskinesia and the implication of its causes and effects upon an
39 individual's health and wellness for lack of awareness and proper
40 diagnosis:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
42 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



43 recognize the week of May 2-9, 2021, as "Tardive Dyskinesia
44 Awareness Week" throughout the State of Mississippi to promote the
45 importance of effectively diagnosing and treating the disorder.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That citizens of Mississippi are
47 encouraged to become better informed about and aware of Tardive
48 Dyskinesia.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 furnished to the State Board of Health and to the members of the
51 Capitol Press Corps.

