



National Association of State  
Controlled Substances Authorities

**NASCSA Resolution 2015-04**  
**October 2015**  
**Scottsdale, Arizona**

**A Resolution Endorsing the Recovery Enhancement for Addiction Treatment Act (U.S. Senate Bill 2645)**

**WHEREAS**, overdoses from opioids including prescription pain relievers and heroin have increased dramatically in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 480,000 emergency room visits are attributable to the misuse and abuse of opioid pain killers; and

**WHEREAS**, effective medication-assisted therapy for opioid addiction, such as buprenorphine, combined with social and behavioral supports can decrease overdose deaths, be cost effective and reduce the transmission of infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recovery Enhancement for Addiction Treatment Act (U. S. Senate 2645) has been introduced in Congress and includes a number of provisions to increase access to treatment for patients including permitting nurse practitioners and physician assistants to treat patients with medication assisted therapy and increases the number of patients physicians are allowed to treat;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) be recorded as endorsing the Recovery Enhancement for Addiction Treatment Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Edward Markey, the key sponsor of the legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Robert O.", written over a horizontal line.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

DATE: October 23, 2015