



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House of Representatives

FROM: Alex Halper, Director, Government Affairs

DATE: June 24, 2021

RE: Support S.B. 147 prescription drug addiction education and awareness

The PA Chamber urges support for S.B. 147 promoting prescription drug addiction education and awareness in the workplace. We understand the bill may be considered this week.

Employers can qualify for discounted workers' compensation insurance rates by forming safety committees and educating employees on various aspects of workplace safety. This bill will help encourage prescription drug addiction education and awareness within the workforce by directing committees to educate workers on the risk of prescription drug abuse and opioid addiction.

We appreciate amendments adopted directing the Department of Labor & Industry to notify employers of the new requirement and make resources available to help comply. We urge you to support this bill without further amendment. Please contact Alex Halper at ahalper@pachamber.org or 717-645-8730 with questions or to discuss.