

HOUSE BILL NO. 5970

March 24, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Morse and Whiteford and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to prohibit the commencement of civil actions relating to opioids by certain governmental officers and entities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "opioid liability
2 litigation act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Distributor settlement" means the master settlement
5 agreement arising out of the MDL and entered into by this state
6 with AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and
7 McKesson Corporation.

1 (b) "Janssen settlement" means the master settlement agreement
2 arising out of the MDL and entered into by this state with Janssen
3 Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

4 (c) "MDL" means *In re Nat'l Prescription Opiate Litigation*,
5 multidistrict litigation consolidated in the United States District
6 Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804.

7 (d) "Political subdivision" means a public body corporate in
8 this state, an agency of a public body corporate in this state, a
9 nonincorporated body in this state of whatever nature, or an agency
10 of a nonincorporated body in this state. Political subdivision
11 includes a county, city, village, township, school district, or
12 special district or authority of this state. Political subdivision
13 does not include this state.

14 Sec. 3. A political subdivision of this state shall not
15 commence or maintain an action as follows:

16 (a) After January 1, 2021, an action related to the released
17 claims as defined in the distributor settlement against the
18 released entities as defined in the distributor settlement.

19 (b) After January 1, 2021, an action related to the released
20 claims as defined in the Janssen settlement against the released
21 entities as defined in the Janssen settlement.

22 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless
23 Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5968 (request no. 04724'21)
24 of the 101st Legislature is enacted into law.