

**65-4976. Legislative findings on pain treatment.** The legislature finds and declares that pain is a significant health problem, and that the diagnosis and treatment of pain is complex, and can involve several therapeutic modalities. The treatment of pain may require the use of controlled substances in appropriate circumstances. In order to promote the public health, safety and welfare, the state has a duty to restrict the inappropriate use of controlled substances while supporting a physician's or other health care provider's ability to provide appropriate pain treatment consistent with patient needs and sound clinical judgment.

**History:** L. 2006, ch. 110, § 2; July 1.