



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 65

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1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to enact legislation to facilitate the
2 development and approval of new drugs, biological products and medical
3 devices.

4 Whereas, improving patient access to quality health care is a paramount
5 national goal; and

6 Whereas, the key to improved health care, especially for persons with serious
7 unmet medical needs, is the rapid approval of safe and effective new drugs, biological
8 products and medical devices; and

9 Whereas, minimizing the delay between discovery and eventual approval of a
10 new drug, biological product or medical device derived from research conducted by
11 innovative pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies would improve the lives of
12 millions of Americans; and

13 Whereas, current limitations on the dissemination of information about
14 pharmaceutical products reduce the availability of information to physicians, other

1 health care professionals and patients and unfairly limit the right of free speech
2 guaranteed by the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

3 Whereas, the current rules and practices governing the review of new drugs,
4 biological products and medical devices by the United States Food and Drug
5 Administration can delay approvals and are unnecessarily expensive; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
8 Wisconsin legislature respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to address
9 this important issue by enacting comprehensive legislation to facilitate the rapid
10 review and approval of innovative new drugs, biological products and medical
11 devices, without compromising patient safety or product effectiveness; and, be it
12 further

13 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
14 resolution to the President of the United States and to each member of the U.S.
15 senate and the U.S. house of representatives.

16 (END)