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Trenton, NJ – Adding to the Administration’s broad-based approach of preventing and treating drug addiction, Governor Christie took action today to prohibit the sale of medications containing dextromethorphan, a substance found in more than 120 over-the-counter cold medications, to any person under the age of 18 unless they have a prescription. The legislation, A-622/1469 (Moriarty, Diegnan, Wimberly, Vainieri Huttle, Gusciora, Sumter, Angelini, Munoz/Barnes), addresses the growing problem of teenagers overusing or abusing dextromethorphan to get high, leading them down a path of addiction in the future.

The bill also requires the Department of Health to post a link on its website containing a list of products in which dextromethorphan is an active ingredient. The new law will take effect on Feb. 1, 2016.

The Governor also took the following action on other pending legislation:

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A-3890/S-2754 (Lampitt, Lagana, Jimenez, Eustace, Mazzeo/Gordon, Allen) - Requires continuing care retirement communities to provide residents with information on influenza vaccines for older adults

AJR-67/SJR-51 (Munoz, Lampitt, Benson/Singer, Vitale) - Designates third Wednesday in May as "ALS Awareness Day" and May as "ALS Awareness Month" in NJ

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