

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 44A

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs has initiated a program for the purpose of curtailing the problem of drug abuse by and through legitimate professional outlets; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of controlled substances from legitimate professional channels of distribution is a significant problem in Alabama as evidenced by the ready availability of legitimately produced controlled substances in the illicit market; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 31,000 registrants that dispense, distribute, or use controlled substances in the regular course of their professional practice or business activities in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, diversion from retail outlets can be penetrated with a unit of investigators trained to investigate cases of this nature with the thrust of the unit geared toward criminal investigations and ultimate prosecution of retail drug divertors; and

WHEREAS, a Diversion Investigative Unit will provide the State of Alabama with a strong cohesive unit that will work together with other agencies toward curtailment of diversion at

the retail level; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs has selected Alabama as one of the three states for this experimentation program; and would be responsible for the funding thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE I, GEORGE C. WALLACE, as Governor of the State of Alabama, hereby establish the Diversion Investigative Unit and direct that this Unit be placed under the responsibility of the Alabama Law Enforcement Planning Agency and its director for the purpose of planning and the receiving of federal funds; and all other funds, for use by the said Diversion Investigation Unit; and further direct that said Diversion Investigative Unit shall be representative of, with its consent, the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Public Health, and the State Board of Pharmacy. Said Unit shall be governed by a Policy Board which shall be representative of, with its consent, the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, the Alabama Law Enforcement Planning Agency, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Public Health, the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Medical Examiners, and the Office of the Governor. As the needs and responsibilities of said Unit shall in all probability expand, the Policy Board is hereby charged with the authority

of increasing the level of personnel to meet these expanded needs and responsibilities.

Done and ordered the 4th day of December, 1972.



George C. Wallace  
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Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State