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Editorial: A full-scale attack on Ohio 'pill mills'

State officials, with the help of the federal government, are swiftly making good on their promise to put "pill mills" -- unscrupulous prescription drug clinics -- out of business, particularly in southern Ohio, where they are flourishing.

The latest punch aimed at the illegal distribution of OxyContin and other highly addictive painkillers comes from House Bill 93, an emergency measure that was unanimously passed by the Senate recently and is headed to Gov. John Kasich's desk. It will become effective the moment he signs it.

The bill allows the State Board of Pharmacy to license pain management clinics as distributors of dangerous drugs and impose fines on unlicensed clinics. It also requires criminal background checks for clinic employees.

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