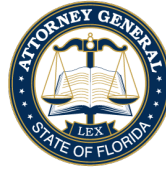


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## **Attorney General Ashley Moody News Release**

### **Statement on Governor Signing Bill Supporting State's Opioid Litigation**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today released the following statement on Governor Ron DeSantis signing HB 1253 into law. This new law will allow the Attorney General's Office to access limited information from Florida's Prescription Drug Monitoring Database to be used under protective order in the state's ongoing opioid litigation:

"I want to thank Governor DeSantis for signing this important legislation into law and giving us more tools to fight the opioid crisis that is devastating families and killing 17 people a day in our state. The destruction caused by opioid abuse is undeniable and this epidemic is ravaging our communities. Those who helped fuel this man-made crisis must be held accountable and this new law will help us do that.

"The law would also not be possible without the leadership of our bill sponsors Representative Amber Mariano and Senator Tom Lee. I also want to thank Senate President Bill Galvano, House Speaker José Oliva, Representative Chris Sprowls, Senator Wilton Simpson, as well as all House and Senate leadership, for their commitment to this important issue and passing this vital legislation."