



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1253

LCO No. 4494

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FOR TREATMENT OF DRUG
OVERDOSES WITH OPIOID ANTAGONIST.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-714a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 A licensed health care professional who is permitted by law to
4 prescribe an opioid antagonist may, if acting with reasonable care,
5 prescribe, dispense or administer an opioid antagonist [to a drug user
6 in need of such intervention] as treatment for, or prevention of, a drug
7 overdose without being liable for damages [to such person] in a civil
8 action or subject to criminal prosecution for prescribing, dispensing or
9 administering such opioid antagonist or for any subsequent use of
10 such opioid antagonist. For purposes of this section, "opioid
11 antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride or any other similarly
12 acting and equally safe drug approved by the federal Food and Drug
13 Administration for the treatment of drug overdose.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	17a-714a
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Statement of Purpose:

To clarify when health care professionals are immune from civil or criminal liability for prescribing, dispensing or administering opioid antagonists for the treatment or prevention of drug overdoses.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]