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**"AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATORS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 17a-714a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

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

15 approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the
16 treatment of drug overdose. The immunity provided in this section
17 shall not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross, wilful or
18 wanton negligence."