



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5063**

February Session, 2012

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**AN ACT CONCERNING TREATMENT FOR A DRUG OVERDOSE.**

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 Section 17a-714a of the general statutes is repealed and  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, 2012*):

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] to treat or prevent a drug overdose  
7 without being liable for damages [to such person] in a civil action or  
8 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.

14 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Not later than January 15, 2013, the  
15 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall report, in  
16 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
17 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
18 cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning the number  
19 of opioid antagonist prescriptions issued under programs  
20 administered by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction

21 Services to persons other than drug users for self-administration of the  
22 opioid antagonist, in accordance with section 17a-714a of the general  
23 statutes, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	17a-714a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*