



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5487

LCO No. 1966



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT PROVIDING IMMUNITY TO A PERSON WHO ADMINISTERS
AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO ANOTHER PERSON EXPERIENCING
AN OPIOID-RELATED 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 Section 17a-714a of the general statutes is repealed and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, 2014*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, "opioid antagonist" means naloxone
4 hydrochloride or any other similarly acting and equally safe drug
5 approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the
6 treatment of drug overdose.

7 (b) A licensed health care professional who is permitted by law to
8 prescribe an opioid antagonist may, if acting with reasonable care,
9 prescribe, dispense or administer an opioid antagonist to treat or
10 prevent a drug overdose without being liable for damages in a civil
11 action or subject to criminal prosecution for prescribing, dispensing or
12 administering such opioid antagonist or for any subsequent use of
13 such opioid antagonist. [For purposes of this section, "opioid
14 antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride or any other similarly

15 acting and equally safe drug approved by the federal Food and Drug
16 Administration for the treatment of drug overdose.]

17 (c) Any person, other than a licensed health care professional, who
18 in good faith believes that another person is experiencing an opioid-
19 related drug overdose may, if acting with reasonable care, administer
20 an opioid antagonist to such other person. A person administering an
21 opioid antagonist pursuant to this subsection shall not be liable for
22 damages in a civil action or subject to criminal prosecution with
23 respect to the administration of such opioid antagonist, except that the
24 immunity provided in this subsection shall not apply to acts or
25 omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	17a-714a

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce opioid-related drug overdoses by allowing persons to administer opioid antagonists in certain situations.

[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.]