



CCM 2015 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 156 towns and cities, representing over 95 percent of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 6658 “An Act Concerning the Administration of Naloxone, Nitroglycerine and Epinephrine by Emergency Medical Technicians”

This proposal would require particular emergency medical service (EMS) personnel to be equipped and able to administer naloxone, nitroglycerine and epinephrine in appropriate circumstances.

CCM understands that these are important and often life-saving measures. While CCM continues to advocate for an increased ability for individuals to obtain and administer some of these medications, we caution whether this would impact particular EMS personnel scope of practice or protocols.

In addition, while CCM understands the policy goal of this proposal, however we have concerns regarding the potential fiscal impact it would have on towns and cities – as the proposal is absent any state financial assistance. To this end, CCM requests that the Committee first obtain a detailed fiscal analysis before taking final action.

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