Bill No.: HB-6087
Title: AN ACT RESTRICTING THE USE OF PRIOR CLAIMS FOR NALOXONE HYDROCHLORIDE.
Vote Date: 3/14/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 2/14/2019
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SPONSORS OF BILL:

REASONS FOR BILL:
The purpose of the bill is to prohibit health insurers from discriminating against individuals when comes to health care premiums, policy rates or the availability of covered benefits on the basis of prior claims for naloxone hydrochloride, (Narcan).

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY
State of Connecticut Insurance Department cannot provide substantive comments on proposed bills but will carefully review bills once they are fully drafted.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:
Samantha Bell, Public Policy Intern, at the CT Community Nonprofit Alliance the bill would prohibit insures or other entities from discriminating a person health care because that person has a prescription for Narcan.

Representative Dave Rutigliano, in support of the bill because Narcan cannot be self-administered therefore, if people get the prescription for it to help a loved one, their health insurance company is red flagging them for possible drug addiction.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:
Connecticut Association of Health Plans, the bill is not necessary due to under the Affordable Care Act health insurance companies can only account for 5 categories when setting premiums: age, location, tobacco use, Individual v Family Enrollment and Plan Category, therefore the bill is not necessary.

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