



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5394**

LCO No. 721



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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

REP. DOUCETTE, 13th Dist.

REP. GILCHREST, 18th Dist.

***AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) eliminate the medical  
2 protocol standing order procedure set forth in section 20-633d of the  
3 general statutes and require licensed pharmacists to dispense any  
4 opioid antagonist approved by the federal Food and Drug  
5 Administration without a patient-specific prescription for the treatment  
6 or prevention of an opioid-related drug overdose to any individual,  
7 including a family member or any other individual capable of assisting  
8 a person at risk of an opioid-related drug overdose, (2) require (A) all  
9 pharmacies in the state to maintain a continuous and sufficient supply  
10 of an opioid antagonist approved by the federal Food and Drug  
11 Administration to meet the needs of the community, and (B) all  
12 pharmacists to complete the training and certification program  
13 approved by the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to  
14 section 20-633c of the general statutes, (3) expressly permit health care  
15 providers and nonprofit organizations serving persons affected by drug

16 abuse and addiction to acquire, store and administer opioid antagonists,  
17 and (4) provide immunity from civil liability to persons or entities who  
18 administer an opioid antagonist.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To expand access to opioid antagonists and allow wider public access without a prescription to persons at risk of an opioid-related drug overdose.