

Session 121 - (2015-2016)

H 5121 General Bill, By J.E. Smith

Summary: Immunity from certain charges for person who seeks medical assistance for a drug overdose

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-595 SO AS TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM CERTAIN CHARGES RELATED TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND DANGEROUS DRUGS FOR A PERSON WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR A DRUG OVERDOSE; BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO ALLOW A FIRST RESPONDER TO ADMINISTER AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR A FIRST RESPONDER WHO PROVIDES AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST, TO ALLOW A PRACTITIONER TO PRESCRIBE AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PERMIT A PHARMACIST TO PRESCRIBE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS, TO ALLOW A PERSON OTHER THAN A PRACTITIONER OR FIRST RESPONDER TO ADMINISTER AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST, TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM PROFESSIONAL SANCTIONS, CIVIL LIABILITY AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 63-19-2470 SO AS TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM CERTAIN CHARGES RELATED TO THE UNLAWFUL PURCHASE, CONSUMPTION, OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY A PERSON UNDER AGE TWENTY-ONE FOR A PERSON WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN ALCOHOL-RELATED OVERDOSE.

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