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H.P. 672

House of Representatives, March 7, 2023

An Act to Require All Police Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rlt B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.
Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and
Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, EATON of Deer Isle, GUERRETTE of Caribou,
HENDERSON of Rumford, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, MURPHY of Scarborough,
RECKITT of South Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 605, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Authorized administration and dispensing of naloxone hydrochloride by law enforcement officers, corrections officers and municipal firefighters. A law enforcement agency as defined in Title 25, section 3701, subsection 1, a regional or county jail, a prison, a correctional facility as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 6 or a municipal fire department as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 1 is authorized to obtain a supply of naloxone hydrochloride to be administered or dispensed in accordance with this subsection. ~~A law enforcement officer as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 17, in accordance with policies adopted by the law enforcement agency,~~ a corrections officer, in accordance with policies adopted by the jail, prison or correctional facility, and a municipal firefighter as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 2, in accordance with policies adopted by the municipality, may administer or dispense intranasal naloxone hydrochloride as clinically indicated if the ~~law enforcement officer,~~ corrections officer or municipal firefighter has received medical training in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board established in Title 32, section 83, subsection 16-B. A law enforcement officer, as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 17, in accordance with policies adopted by the law enforcement agency, shall carry naloxone hydrochloride at all times when on duty, obtain medical training in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board and administer or dispense intranasal naloxone hydrochloride as clinically indicated. The Medical Direction and Practices Board shall establish medical training protocols for law enforcement officers, corrections officers and municipal firefighters pursuant to this subsection.

SUMMARY

The bill amends the law requiring the administration and dispensing of naloxone hydrochloride by law enforcement officers, corrections officers and municipal firefighters to further require law enforcement officers to obtain medical training in the dispensing of naloxone hydrochloride and to carry naloxone hydrochloride at all times when on duty.