



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5191***

LCO No. 1437



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY INTERVENTION BY A POLICE OFFICER WHEN A PERSON SUFFERS A NARCOTICS OVERDOSE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17a-503 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2022*):

4 (a) Any police officer who has reasonable cause to believe that a  
5 person (1) has psychiatric disabilities and is dangerous to himself or  
6 herself or others or gravely disabled, and in need of immediate care and  
7 treatment, or (2) is suffering from an apparent narcotics overdose and is  
8 in need of immediate medical care and treatment, may take such person  
9 into protective custody and take or cause such person to be taken to a  
10 general hospital for emergency examination under this section. The  
11 officer shall execute a written request for emergency examination  
12 detailing the circumstances under which the person was taken into  
13 protective custody, and such request shall be left with the facility. The  
14 person shall be examined within twenty-four hours and shall not be  
15 held for more than seventy-two hours unless committed under section

16 17a-502.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	17a-503(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow a police officer to take a person into protective custody when the officer has reasonable cause to believe that such person is experiencing a narcotics overdose.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*