



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5896

LCO No. 1765



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
REP. HALL, 59th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING DETENTION BY A POLICE OFFICER OF A PERSON WHO SUFFERED A NARCOTICS OVERDOSE.

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

- 1 That section 17a-503 of the general statutes be amended to permit a
- 2 police officer to take any person such officer has reasonable cause to
- 3 believe suffered from a narcotics overdose that necessitates emergency
- 4 medical intervention into custody or to take or cause such person to be
- 5 taken to a general hospital for emergency examination, provided such
- 6 person is not held for more than seventy-two hours unless committed
- 7 under an emergency certificate.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow a police officer to take a person into custody when the officer has reasonable cause to believe such person suffered from a narcotics overdose that necessitates emergency medical intervention.