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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, OCTOBER 24, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), entitled
2 "An act relating to the manufacture, sale and possession of
3 controlled substances, other drugs, devices and cosmetics;
4 conferring powers on the courts and the secretary and
5 Department of Health, and a newly created Pennsylvania Drug,
6 Device and Cosmetic Board; establishing schedules of
7 controlled substances; providing penalties; requiring
8 registration of persons engaged in the drug trade and for the
9 revocation or suspension of certain licenses and
10 registrations; and repealing an act," further providing for
11 drug overdose medication.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 13.8(a)(3) and (h) of the act of April
15 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance,
16 Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, amended November 3, 2022
17 (P.L.1984, No.135), are amended and the section is amended by
18 adding a subsection to read:

19 Section 13.8. Drug Overdose Medication.--(a) The
20 department, in carrying out its duties under 28 Pa. Code Ch.

1 1023 (relating to personnel), shall have the following duties:

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3 (3) The following apply:

4 (i) In consultation with the Department of Drug and Alcohol
5 Programs, develop or approve training and instructional
6 materials about recognizing opioid-related overdoses,
7 administering an opioid antagonist and promptly seeking medical
8 attention. The training and instruction materials shall be
9 provided free of charge on the Internet.

10 (ii) In consultation with the Department of Drug and Alcohol
11 Programs, develop a poster that contains the following
12 information:

13 (A) The signs of an opioid-related overdose.

14 (B) What to do in the event of an opioid-related overdose.

15 (C) Where to find an opioid antagonist such as naloxone.

16 (D) Where to find additional resources and information,
17 which may include a quick-response (QR) code or a website URL.

18 (iii) Develop a pamphlet with information equivalent to the
19 information contained on the poster described in subparagraph
20 (ii).

21 (iv) Make the poster described in subparagraph (ii) and the
22 pamphlet described in subparagraph (iii) available on the
23 publicly accessible Internet website of the department.

24 (a.1) The following entities shall display the poster
25 described in subsection (a)(3)(ii) at each of their properties
26 in conspicuous locations:

27 (1) A Commonwealth agency.

28 (2) A metropolitan transportation authority.

29 (3) A municipal authority.

30 (4) A municipality.

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2 (h) [As used in this section, the term "opioid antagonist"
3 means a drug or device approved by the Federal Food, Drug, and
4 Cosmetic Act (52 Stat. 1040, 21 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.) for
5 emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid overdose,
6 including naloxone hydrochloride or other similarly acting drugs
7 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for
8 the treatment of an opioid overdose.] As used in this section,
9 the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to
10 them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates
11 otherwise:

12 "Commonwealth agency." An executive agency or independent
13 agency as those terms are defined in 2 Pa.C.S. § 101 (relating
14 to definitions).

15 "Conspicuous location." A location where individuals are
16 likely to see and read the poster described in subsection (a)(3)
17 (ii). The term includes a bathroom, bulletin board, entrance,
18 exit, hallway or lobby.

19 "Metropolitan transportation authority." An authority
20 operating under 74 Pa.C.S. Ch. 17 (relating to metropolitan
21 transportation authorities).

22 "Municipal authority." An authority created under 53 Pa.C.S.
23 Ch. 56 (relating to municipal authorities).

24 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town
25 or township.

26 "Opioid antagonist." A drug or device approved by the
27 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (52 Stat. 1040, 21 U.S.C. §
28 301 et seq.) for emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid
29 overdose, including naloxone hydrochloride or other similarly
30 acting drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug

1 Administration for the treatment of an opioid overdose.

2 "Property." Real property under control of an entity listed
3 in subsection (a.1). The term includes an airport, bus stop,
4 library, park, school or rail stop.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.