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HOUSE AMENDMENT " " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1209, L.D. 1686, Bill, "An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose"

Amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of §2353 and inserting the following:

§2353. Naloxone hydrochloride

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Health care professional" means a person licensed under Title 32 who is authorized to prescribe naloxone hydrochloride.

B. "Immediate family" has the same meaning as in Title 21-A, section 1, subsection 20.

C. "Opioid-related drug overdose" means a condition including, but not limited to, extreme physical illness, decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression, coma or death resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid, or another substance with which an opioid was combined, or a condition that a reasonable person would believe to be an opioid-related drug overdose that requires medical assistance.

2. Prescription; possession; administration. The prescription, possession and administration of naloxone hydrochloride is governed by this subsection.

A. A health care professional may prescribe naloxone hydrochloride to an individual at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

B. An individual to whom naloxone hydrochloride is prescribed in accordance with paragraph A may provide the naloxone hydrochloride so prescribed to a member of that individual's immediate family to possess and administer to the individual if the family member believes in good faith that the individual is suffering an opioid-related drug overdose.

C. A health care professional may prescribe naloxone hydrochloride to a member of an individual's immediate family for administration to the individual in the event of an opioid-related drug overdose if:

1 2. A health care professional to prescribe naloxone hydrochloride to a member of an
2 individual's immediate family for administration to the individual in the event of an
3 opioid-related drug overdose if the health care professional has an established health care
4 professional-patient relationship with the individual and the individual is at risk of
5 experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose; and

6 3. A family member who is prescribed naloxone hydrochloride to administer it to the
7 individual if the family member believes in good faith that the individual is suffering an
8 opioid-related drug overdose.

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