

Bill No.: SF0042 **Effective:** 7/1/2017
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Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0050
Chapter No.: 136
Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee
Catch Title: Opiate overdose emergency treatment.
Subject: Prescription and administration of opiate antagonist medication.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under existing laws, regulations and practices, Wyoming practitioners generally only prescribe opiate antagonist medication, used to counteract an opioid drug overdose, to patients with whom the practitioner has a prescriber-patient relationship.
- This bill:
 - Authorizes pharmacists, physicians, physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses to prescribe an opiate antagonist to a person at risk of experiencing an overdose, a person in a position to assist another person or a person who, in the course of the person's official duties or business, may encounter another person experiencing an overdose.
 - Authorizes physicians, physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses to prescribe an opiate antagonist by standing order to an entity such as an emergency medical service provider or a community organization if the entity establishes a drug treatment policy and reports to the Department of Health on drug overdose events;
 - Provides immunity from civil or criminal liability for persons who administer an opiate antagonist, practitioners and pharmacists who prescribe an opiate antagonist and qualifying entities;
 - Specifies prescribing an opiate antagonist shall not constitute unprofessional conduct; and
 - Requires the Board of Pharmacy and the Department of Health to adopt rules to implement provisions of the act and authorizes the State Board of Medicine and the State Board of Nursing to adopt any necessary rules.

Comments:

- This bill creates a major new program, the Emergency Administration of Opiate Antagonist Act.

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