

HB20-1065 Concerning Measures to Reduce Harm Caused by Substance Use Disorders

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This bill addresses access to the life-saving medication, naloxone:

- Extends civil and criminal immunity for a person who acts in good faith to administer naloxone that is expired to an individual suffering an opiate-related drug overdose.
- Requires health insurance carriers to reimburse a hospital if the facility provides a covered person with naloxone upon discharge.

This bill promotes public health through preventing the spread of blood-borne pathogens:

- Promotes public health safety by providing permissive language for pharmacies to provide syringes.
- Removes a regulatory barrier to operating syringe exchange programs.
- Provides ongoing funding for harm reduction programming in public health.

Total fiscal note is \$250,000 for programming in public health risk reduction services.



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