

HB 1568 -- NALOXONE PRESCRIPTIONS

SPONSOR: Lynch

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 11 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Government by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows any licensed pharmacist or pharmacy technician to sell and dispense naloxone under physician protocol and creates immunity from criminal prosecution, disciplinary actions from a professional licensing board, and civil liability for an individual who, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, administers an opioid antagonist to an individual whom he or she believes is suffering an opioid-related drug overdose.

Any individual or organization may store and dispense an opioid antagonist without being subject to the licensing and permitting requirements in Chapter 338, RSMo, if he or she does not collect a fee or compensation for dispensing the opioid antagonist when the person or organization is acting under a standing order issued by a health care professional who is authorized to prescribe an opioid antagonist.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 538 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that allowing people to have access to naloxone to administer to people experiencing an overdose could dramatically reduce the risk of death. This bill would allow people to administer the drug and help transition individuals to emergency services personnel.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lynch; Missouri State Medical Association; Empower Missouri; Wayne Lee; Missouri Ambulance Association; and Kaleo Pharma.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.