

SS HB 2162 -- OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT

This bill establishes that the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, if a licensed physician, may issue a statewide standing order, or contract with a licensed physician to issue such order, for an addiction mitigation medication, defined as properly administered naltrexone hydrochloride. Any licensed pharmacist may sell and dispense an addiction mitigation medication under a physician protocol or statewide standing order. A pharmacist acting in good faith and with reasonable care that sells or dispenses an addiction mitigation medication shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability or professional disciplinary action for prescribing or dispensing such medication or for any resulting outcome. It shall be permissible for any person to possess an addiction mitigation medication.

This bill provides that, in addition to those departments that currently have access, the Department of Corrections and the Judiciary shall have access to the "Opioid Addiction Treatment and Recovery Fund" to pay for opioid addiction treatment and prevention services and health care and law enforcement costs related to opioid addiction treatment and prevention.