

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

\*\*\*\*\* 333.17744b THIS SECTION IS AMENDED EFFECTIVE MARCH 29, 2017: See  
333.17744b.amended \*\*\*\*\*

**333.17744b Prescribing, possessing, or dispensing opioid antagonist; liability.**

Sec. 17744b. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, a prescriber may issue a prescription for and a dispensing prescriber or pharmacist may dispense an opioid antagonist to any of the following:

- (a) An individual patient at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.
- (b) A family member, friend, or other individual in a position to assist an individual at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.
- (c) A person other than an individual that meets all of the following requirements:
  - (i) Acts at the direction of the prescriber or dispensing prescriber.
  - (ii) Upon receipt of an opioid antagonist, stores the opioid antagonist in compliance with this part.
  - (iii) Dispenses or administers an opioid antagonist under a valid prescription issued to an individual or a patient.
  - (iv) Performs the requirements under this subsection without charge or compensation.
- (2) When issuing a prescription for or dispensing an opioid antagonist as authorized under this section to a person other than a patient, the prescriber, dispensing prescriber, or pharmacist, as appropriate, shall insert the name of the person as the name of the patient.
- (3) Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, a person that is acting in good faith and with reasonable care may possess and dispense an opioid antagonist.
- (4) A prescriber who issues a prescription for or a dispensing prescriber or pharmacist who dispenses an opioid antagonist as authorized under this section is not liable in a civil action for a properly stored and dispensed opioid antagonist that was a proximate cause of injury or death to an individual due to the administration of or failure to administer the opioid antagonist.

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