

AN ACT relating to naloxone administration and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 217.186 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A licensed health-care provider who, acting in good faith, directly or by standing order, prescribes or dispenses the drug naloxone to a **person or agency that**~~patient who~~, in the judgment of the health-care provider, is capable of administering the drug for an emergency opioid overdose, shall not, as a result of his or her acts or omissions, be subject to disciplinary or other adverse action under KRS Chapter 311, 311A, 314, or 315 or any other professional licensing statute.

(2) A prescription for naloxone may include authorization for administration of the drug to the person for whom it is prescribed by a third party if the prescribing instructions indicate the need for the third party upon administering the drug to immediately notify a local public safety answering point of the situation necessitating the administration.

(3) A person or agency, including a peace officer or a first responder, may:

(a) Receive a prescription for the drug naloxone;

(b) Possess naloxone pursuant to this subsection, and any equipment needed for its administration; and

(c) Administer naloxone to an individual suffering from an apparent opiate related overdose.

(4) A person acting in good faith who administers naloxone as the third party under this section shall be immune from criminal and civil liability for the administration, unless personal injury results from the gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the person administering the drug.

(5) An individual prescribing naloxone to a person or agency pursuant to this section shall provide information that emphasizes the importance of transporting an individual suffering from an overdose to an emergency department for additional

medical care even after naloxone has been administered.

→Section 2. Whereas the provisions of this Act allow for lives to be saved immediately, an emergency is declared to exist and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming law.