

Senate Bill 459 – The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act
Passed in 2015

Primary sponsor: Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

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[Minutes](#) from the first time this bill was heard April 1st, 2015

Original intent of bill:

- To offer protections of those trying to help someone from an overdose
- Allowing “friends/family” to carry naloxone
- Having physicians check the prescription drug monitoring program
- Public health orientation

Provisions:

- Encouraged citizens and healthcare professionals to seek or provide overdose reversal medication and emergency medical assistance to anyone who appears to be experiencing a drug or alcohol overdose
 - This bill authorized certain health care providers to prescribe and dispense an opioid antagonist
 - Allows law enforcement and emergency medical personnel to carry and administer naloxone, see this [link](#) with Major Policy Provisions
- Provided immunity from civil and criminal liability and professional discipline for helping someone experiencing an overdose under certain actions
- Required providers to use the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) before prescribing certain controlled substances to patients for the first time