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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE  
PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

Introduced By: Senators Tikoian, Urso, Bissaillon, Britto, Dimitri, Murray, LaMountain,  
Gallo, and Felag

Date Introduced: February 21, 2025

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21-28.9 of the General Laws entitled "The Good Samaritan Overdose  
2 Prevention Act of 2016" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **21-28.9-6. Training to administer opioid antagonists.**

4 All lifeguards, and park and forest rangers, employed to work in any state or municipal  
5 public beach or facility shall be trained in the administration of opioid antagonists, pursuant to the  
6 provisions of this chapter. All state or municipal public beaches and facilities, that employ  
7 lifeguards, and park and forest rangers, shall maintain and provide a minimum of four (4) doses of  
8 the opioid antagonist.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would require all lifeguards, and park and forest rangers, who work in any public  
2 beach or facility to be trained in administering opioid antagonists. The act would also require all  
3 state and municipal public beaches or facilities, that employ lifeguards, and park and forest rangers  
4 to keep available a minimum of four doses of opioid antagonist.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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