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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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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:

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- SECTION 1. Chapter 21-28.9 of the General Laws entitled "The Good Samaritan Overdose
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- Prevention Act of 2016" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
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- 21-28.9-6. Training to administer opioid antagonists.**
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- [All lifeguards, and park and forest rangers, employed to work at any state or municipal](#)
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- [public beach or facility on a full-time basis shall be trained in the administration of opioid](#)
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- [antagonists, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. All state or municipal public beaches and](#)
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- [facilities, that employ lifeguards, and park and forest rangers, shall maintain and provide a](#)
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- [minimum of four \(4\) doses of the opioid antagonist.](#)
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- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- This act would require all lifeguards, and park and forest rangers, who work on a full-time basis at any public beach or facility to be trained in administering opioid antagonists. The act would also require all state and municipal public beaches or facilities, that employ lifeguards, and park and forest rangers to keep available a minimum of four doses of opioid antagonist.
- This act would take effect upon passage.

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