

LC001372/SUB A

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

1 SECTION 1. The title of Chapter 23-12.10 of the General Laws entitled "Harm Reduction
2 Center Advisory Committee and Pilot Program." is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM

(b) Each harm reduction center shall provide the necessary healthcare professionals to prevent overdose, and shall provide referrals for counseling or other medical treatment that may be appropriate for persons utilizing the harm reduction center.

1 (c) The director of the department of health shall promulgate regulations to authorize the
2 program established by this chapter, and in accordance with § 23-12.10-5. Nothing contained in
3 this section authorizes a harm reduction center without approval of the municipality in which the
4 center is proposed.

5 (d)(1) Any harm reduction center proposed to be operated pursuant to the provisions of this
6 chapter shall require municipal authorization and approval prior to opening or operating in any
7 community within this state.

8 (2) As used in this chapter, the term “municipal authorization and approval” means an
9 express affirmative vote by the city or town council, or the equivalent governing body, of any
10 municipality where a harm reduction center is proposed to be located, which affirmative vote
11 approves:

12 (i) The opening and operation of the proposed harm reduction center;

13 (ii) The exact location of the proposed harm reduction center, which shall include street
14 address and plat and lot number or other applicable number as used by the municipality’s tax
15 assessor; and

16 (iii) An express authorization as to the hours of operation of the proposed harm reduction
17 center.

18 (e) Each harm reduction center approved for operation pursuant to the provisions of this
19 chapter shall cease operations on or before March 1, ~~2026~~ 2028, unless an act of the general
20 assembly expressly authorizes the continuation of the operation of the harm reduction center.

21 **23-12.10-6. Sunset.**

22 On or before January 31, ~~2026~~ 2028, the director of the department of health and the
23 attorney general shall submit to the governor, the speaker of the house, and the president of the
24 senate, a report which includes, at a minimum, the number of individuals served by each harm
25 reduction center; the number of individuals who were connected to health services by each harm
26 reduction center; and any data relating to the occurrence of and/or prevention of overdoses or deaths
27 associated with each harm reduction center, as well as recommendations as to continuation of the
28 provisions of this chapter. Unless ~~, and unless~~ extended by the general assembly, the provisions of
29 this chapter shall sunset and expire on March 1, ~~2026~~ 2028.

30 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- This act extends the sunset provision of the four (4) year pilot program to prevent drug
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- overdoses through the establishment of harm reduction centers for two (2) years to March 1, 2028.
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- This act would take effect upon passage.

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