

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION



Bill Number: **HB 2489**

Carter Floor Amendment

As amended by the Committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety, HB 2489 allows a trained EMT or peace officer to administer naloxone hydrochloride or other opiate antagonists approved by the U.S. FDA to a person believed to be suffering from an opiate overdose, pursuant to a standing order issued by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner.

The bill requires DHS to develop a training program for EMTs and peace officers in the administration of naloxone hydrochloride or other opiate antagonists.

The bill exempts physicians who issue a standing order for or EMTs and peace officers who administer naloxone hydrochloride or other opiate antagonists in good faith from civil, professional, and criminal liability unless wanton or willful neglect occurs.

The Carter floor amendment to HB 2489 modifies the immunity provision by adding nurse practitioners and states that physicians and nurse practitioners who issue a standing order for or EMTs and peace officers who administer naloxone hydrochloride or other opiate antagonists in good faith are only immune from professional liability or criminal prosecution.

The amendment also specifies that the director of DHS must designate a particular opiate antagonist to be used by EMTs and peace officers based on the safety and efficacy of the chosen drug.

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CARTER FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2489
(Reference to printed bill)

- 1 Page 19, line 32, after "immunity" insert "; designation by director"
2 Line 37, after "ADMINISTRATION" insert "AND DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR"
3 Page 20, line 2, after "ORDER" insert ", NURSE PRACTITIONERS WHO ARE LICENSED
4 PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 15 AND AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PRESCRIBE DRUGS AND
5 WHO ISSUE A STANDING ORDER"
6 Line 4, strike "CIVIL,"; strike "AND"
7 Line 5, strike "CRIMINAL"; after "LIABILITY" insert "AND CRIMINAL PROSECUTION";
8 strike "AND" insert "OR"
9 After line 7, insert:
10 "D. THE DIRECTOR SHALL DESIGNATE OPIATE ANTAGONISTS THAT MAY BE USED
11 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION BASED ON AN EVALUATION OF THE OPIATE ANTAGONIST'S
12 SAFETY AND EFFICACY."
13 Amend title to conform

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