

SENATE No. 3182

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

SENATE, January 3, 2023.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill to expand access to Naloxone (Senate, No. 2780),- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 3182).

For the committee,
Michael J. Rodrigues

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An Act to expand access to Naloxone.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 94C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 18C the
2 following new section:-

3 Section 18D. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term “opioid antagonist” shall
4 mean, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, any drug approved by the United States
5 Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of persons experiencing an opioid-related
6 overdose.

7 (b) If a practitioner issues a prescription to a patient for an opioid contained in schedule II
8 of section 3, the practitioner shall offer the patient a prescription for an opioid antagonist if at
9 least 1 of the following conditions is present: (i) the patient is prescribed any dose of an opioid
10 when a benzodiazepine has been prescribed in the past 30 days or will be prescribed at the visit;
11 or (ii) the patient presents with an increased risk of overdose, including a patient with a history of
12 overdose, a patient with a history of substance use disorder or a patient at risk for returning to a
13 high dose of opioid medication to which the patient is no longer tolerant.

14 (c) If a practitioner prescribes an opioid antagonist under paragraph (b), the practitioner
15 shall provide education on the use of an opioid antagonist and overdose prevention to the patient,
16 and where applicable, a designee of the patient, or, for a patient who is a minor, to the minor's
17 parent or guardian.