

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H4123

Name: An Act relative to the distribution of opioid antagonists at correctional facilities

Sponsor(s): Representative Kate Donaghue

Hearing Date: June 26th at 1PM in A2

Prior History: First Time File

Summary:

The bill requires that all correctional facilities in Massachusetts — including state prisons, county jails, and houses of correction — provide two doses of an opioid antagonist (such as naloxone) to every incarcerated individual upon their direct release. The medication must be distributed by a department-approved pharmacist or designee. The goal is to reduce the risk of opioid overdose among individuals reentering the community after incarceration.