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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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01/24/2024	.	
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The Committee on Rules (Brodeur) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete line 71

and insert:

availability and safe use of opioid antagonists as an effective way to

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 9 - 55

and insert:



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12 opioid antagonists as an effective way to rapidly
13 reverse the effects of opioid overdose; providing an
14 effective date.

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16 WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic continues to ravage American
17 families across the United States, and

18 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
19 reported more than 100,000 overdose deaths in the United States
20 during the 12-month period that ended in February 2023, and

21 WHEREAS, most of these deaths were caused by illicit
22 synthetic drugs like clandestinely manufactured fentanyl, often
23 in combination with other drugs, and

24 WHEREAS, in 2021, nearly 71,000 drug overdose deaths
25 involving synthetic opioids occurred in the United States, which
26 was more deaths that year than from any other type of opioid,
27 and

28 WHEREAS, synthetic-opioid-involved death rates increased by
29 more than 22 percent from 2020 to 2021 and synthetic opioids
30 accounted for nearly 88 percent of all opioid-involved deaths in
31 2021, and

32 WHEREAS, by comparison, from 1999 to 2021, nearly 280,000
33 people died in the United States from overdoses involving
34 prescription opioids, and

35 WHEREAS, the number of drug overdose deaths involving
36 prescription opioids in 2021 was nearly five times the number in
37 1999, and

38 WHEREAS, in 2021, an average of 45 people died each day
39 from a prescription opioid overdose, for a total of nearly
40 17,000 deaths, and



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41 WHEREAS, in 2021, nearly 21 percent of all opioid overdose
42 deaths involved prescription opioids, and

43 WHEREAS, 60 percent of all opioid overdose deaths occur in
44 the home, and

45 WHEREAS, in 67 percent of opioid overdose deaths, another
46 person was present at the time and witnessed the death, and

47 WHEREAS, opioid antagonists are a safe, powerful medication
48 that can reverse opioid-related overdoses and prevent overdose
49 deaths, and

50 WHEREAS, in 2023, in a historic action, the United States
51 Food and Drug Administration approved naloxone nasal spray as
52 the first over-the-counter opioid antagonist, and

53 WHEREAS, most Americans remain unaware of the safety,
54 availability, and efficacy of opioid antagonists as a life-
55 saving treatment for opioid overdose, and

56 WHEREAS, the national advocacy efforts of David Siegel and
57 Jackie Siegel are recognized as they advocate for widespread
58 availability of opioid antagonists through the Victoria's Voice