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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the prescribing and dispensing of naloxone to a third party.

Proposed law authorizes a licensed medical practitioner to, directly or by standing order, prescribe or dispense the drug naloxone or another opioid antagonist without having examined the individual to whom it may be administered if both of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The licensed medical practitioner provides the individual receiving the naloxone or other opioid antagonist all training required by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) for the safe and proper administration of naloxone or another opioid antagonist to individuals who are undergoing or who are believed to be undergoing an opioid-related drug overdose. The training, at a minimum, shall address all of the following:
  - (a) Techniques on how to recognize signs of an opioid-related overdose.
  - (b) Standards and procedures for the storage and administration of naloxone or another opioid antagonist.
  - (c) Emergency follow-up procedures including the requirement to summon emergency services either immediately before or immediately after administering the naloxone or other opioid antagonist to an individual apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose.
- (2) The naloxone or other opioid antagonist is prescribed or dispensed in such a manner that it shall be administered through a device approved by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration for the intranasal administration of liquid drugs.

Proposed law requires a licensed pharmacist to dispense naloxone prescribed, directly or by standing order, by a licensed medical practitioner pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law limits civil, criminal, and professional liability for a licensed medical practitioner who, in good faith, prescribes or dispenses or a pharmacist who, in good faith, dispenses naloxone or another opioid antagonist pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law limits civil and criminal liability for a person acting in good faith who receives and administers naloxone or another opioid antagonist to a person reasonably believed to be undergoing an opioid-related drug overdose unless personal injury results from the gross negligence or willful

or wanton misconduct in the administration of the drug.

Proposed law requires DHH to develop and promulgate a set of best practices for use by a licensed medical practitioner including but not limited to the training necessary to safely and properly administer naloxone or another opioid antagonist to individuals who are undergoing or who are believed to be undergoing an opioid-related drug overdose, the standards and procedures for the storage and administration of naloxone or another opioid antagonist, and emergency follow-up procedures.

Proposed law provides definitions.

(Adds R.S. 40:978.2)