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Introduced by Representative Pugh of South Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; substance use disorder; medication-assisted
treatment; naltrexone; pharmacists

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow
pharmacists to dispense injectable naltrexone to patients holding a valid
prescription.

An act relating to allowing pharmacists to dispense injectable naltrexone

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. chapter 36, subchapter 8 is amended to read:

Subchapter 8. ~~Naloxone Hydrochloride~~ Specific Dispensing Provisions

§ 2079. NALTREXONE

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a licensed
pharmacist may dispense injectable naltrexone to a patient holding a valid
prescription from a health care professional working within his or her scope of
practice.

1 (b) As used in this section, “health care professional” means a person
2 licensed to provide professional health care services to an individual during the
3 course of that individual’s medical care or treatment.

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5 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

6 The Director of the Office of Professional Regulation may adopt rules
7 necessary to administer the provisions of Sec. 1 of this act prior to the effective
8 date of that section.

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

10 (a) This section and Sec. 2 (rulemaking) shall take effect on passage.

11 (b) Sec. 1 (specific dispensing provisions) shall take effect on January 1,
12 2021.