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Act No. 46 (H.225). Crimes and criminal procedures; health

An act relating to possession of a therapeutic dosage of buprenorphine

This act removes criminal penalties for possession of 224 milligrams or less of buprenorphine. Persons under 21 years of age in possession of 224 milligrams or less of buprenorphine shall be referred to the Court Diversion Program for the purpose of enrollment in the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program. Persons under 16 years of age in possession of 224 milligrams or less of buprenorphine shall be subject to delinquency proceedings in the Family Division of the Superior Court. Knowing and unlawful possession of more than 224 milligrams of buprenorphine shall continue to be criminal and penalized in the same manner as other narcotics pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4234.

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