HOUSE BILL NO. 2040

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 190, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to heroin-related overdose treatment.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 190, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 190.255, to read as follows:

190.255. 1. Any qualified first responder may obtain and administer naloxone to a person suffering from an apparent heroin-related overdose in order to revive the person.

- 2. Any licensed health care professional authorized to prescribe naloxone shall prescribe or dispense naloxone to any qualified first responder for the administration of such drug to a person suffering from an apparent heroin-related overdose in order to revive the person if the qualified first responder signs an affidavit stating that the naloxone will be used only for the purpose of reviving a person.
- 3. The qualified first responder is not subject to civil liability, professional discipline, or criminal prosecution if he or she, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, obtains naloxone pursuant to a prescription from a licensed health care professional and administers naloxone to a person suffering from an apparent heroin-related overdose in order to revive the person. No state or local law enforcement agency or fire department employing the qualified first responder shall be subject to civil liability for the conduct and actions of the qualified first responder.

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4. For the purposes of this section, "qualified first responder" shall mean any state and local law enforcement, or fire department personnel deployed to an emergency who has received training in recognizing and responding to a heroin overdose and the administration of naloxone to a person suffering from an apparent heroin-related overdose in order to revive the person.

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