

HB 1486 -- HYPODERMIC NEEDLES (Rehder)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy

This bill exempts any entity registered with the Department of Health and Senior Services that possesses, distributes, or delivers hypodermic needles or syringes for the purpose of operating a syringe exchange program or otherwise mitigating health risks associated with unsterile injection drug use from provisions of law prohibiting the distribution, delivery, or sale of drug paraphernalia. No entity shall be present within 500 feet of any school building, unless such entity was already operating at a location prior to a school being built.

This bill also exempts any entity registered with the department that delivers or manufactures hypodermic needles or syringes for the purpose of operating a syringe exchange program or otherwise mitigating health risks associated with unsterile injection drug use from the provisions of law prohibiting the manufacture of drug paraphernalia.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 168 (2019).