AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

Introduced By: Representatives Regunberg, Casimiro, Donovan, Tanzi, and Handy

Date Introduced: April 27, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 21-28.9 of the General Laws entitled “The Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Act of 2016” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:


(a) Any person may provide, administer, or utilize a narcotic testing product to assist another person in determining whether a narcotic or substance contains chemicals, toxic substances, or hazardous compounds. Narcotic testing products shall include, but not be limited to, fentanyl test strips.

(b) A person who provides, administers, or utilizes a narcotic testing product to assist another person shall not be subject to civil liability or criminal prosecution as a result of providing, administering, or utilizing the narcotic testing product to assist another person.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would allow distribution and utilization of narcotic testing products to assist
2 persons in determining whether drugs contain toxic substances. Narcotic testing products include,
3 but are not limited to, fentanyl testing strips. This act would also provide persons distributing
4 testing products with protection from civil liability or criminal prosecution.
5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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