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AB-2256 Law enforcement agencies: opioid antagonist. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Bill No. 2256

CHAPTER 259

An act to add Section 4119.9 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2256, Santiago. Law enforcement agencies: opioid antagonist.

Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, provides for the licensure and regulation of pharmacies and wholesalers by the California State Board of Pharmacy within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law also regulates manufacturers. Existing law authorizes a pharmacy to furnish naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonists to a school district, county office of education, or charter school if specified criteria are met.

This bill would authorize a pharmacy, wholesaler, or manufacturer to furnish naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonists to a law enforcement agency, as provided.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 4119.9 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4119.9. Notwithstanding any other law, a pharmacy, wholesaler, or manufacturer may furnish naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonists to a law enforcement agency if both of the following are met:

(a) The naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonist is furnished exclusively for use by employees of the law enforcement agency who have completed training, provided by the law enforcement agency, in administering naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonists.

(b) Records regarding the acquisition and disposition of naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonists furnished pursuant to this section shall be maintained by the law enforcement agency for a period of three years from the date the records were created. The law enforcement agency shall be responsible for monitoring the supply of naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonists and ensuring the destruction of expired naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonists.