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Carson praises passage of “good Samaritan” bill into law

Grants immunity to individuals seeking medical assistance for drug overdose victims

Concord, NH – Today, a law was adopted that grants immunity from arrest or conviction for individuals seeking medical assistance for drug overdose victims.

“This law, referred to as the “good Samaritan law,” is important because it encourages individuals present during an opioid or heroin overdose to call for life-saving medical assistance for overdose victims, granting them immunity from arrest in these instances,” said Senator Sharon Carson (R-Londonderry).

“The intent of this law is to save the lives of overdose victims and this legislation takes another step towards addressing the heroin and opioid crisis that has affected communities across the state,” Carson added.

“The legislative budget that was vetoed by Governor Hassan was another important step in addressing this epidemic as it would have increased funding by 75% for treatment and prevention of drug and alcohol addiction. It is unfortunate that this funding will not reach our communities until a budget is passed.”

“I hope the legislature will continue to bring forward long-term solutions to end this critical drug epidemic in our state,” concluded Carson.

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