

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(32)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 21, 2015

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida legislature to enact SB 758, HB 751, or similar legislation that would authorize healthcare practitioners to prescribe, and pharmacists to dispense, opioid antagonists to patients and caregivers for emergency purposes, authorize patients, caregivers, and emergency responders to possess, store and administer emergency opioid antagonists, and grant immunity from civil and criminal liability and professional discipline for all individuals who administer emergency opioid antagonists

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jean Monestime.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-21-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SB 758, HB 751, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS TO PRESCRIBE, AND PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE, OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES, AUTHORIZE PATIENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO POSSESS, STORE AND ADMINISTER EMERGENCY OPIOID ANTAGONISTS, AND GRANT IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY AND PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ADMINISTER EMERGENCY OPIOID ANTAGONISTS

WHEREAS, deaths from drug overdose have steadily increased over the past few decades and are the leading cause of accidental death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these drug overdose deaths involve the abuse of opioid analgesics, which are narcotic pain relievers derived from the opium poppy, or its synthetic analogues; and

WHEREAS, opioid antagonists have proven successful in reversing some opioid-related drug overdoses when administered in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 758 has been filed for consideration during the 2015 session of the Florida Legislature by Senator Greg Evers (R-Pensacola); and

WHEREAS, companion House Bill (HB) 751 has been filed for consideration during the 2015 session of the Florida Legislature by Representative Julio Gonzalez (R-Venice) and Representative Ronald "Doc" Renuart (R-Ponte Vedra Beach); and

WHEREAS, SB 758 and HB 751 would:

(1) authorize healthcare practitioners to prescribe, and pharmacists to dispense, emergency opioid antagonists to patients and caregivers;

(2) authorize patients and caregivers to store and possess approved emergency opioid antagonists, and in an emergency situation, authorizes such person to administer the emergency opioid antagonist to a person believed in good faith to be experiencing an opioid overdose, regardless of whether that person has a prescription for an emergency opioid antagonist;

(3) authorize emergency responders to possess, store and administer emergency opioid antagonists;

(4) grant civil liability protections for all individuals who administer emergency opioid antagonists in emergency situations; and

(5) grant healthcare practitioners and pharmacists immunity from civil and criminal liability and professional discipline, related to prescribing and dispensing an opioid antagonist; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to support such legislation as it could help prevent the untimely death from an opioid overdose of individuals who are struggling with opioid addiction,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact SB 758, HB 751, or similar legislation that would authorize healthcare practitioners to prescribe, and pharmacists to dispense, opioid antagonists to patients and caregivers for emergency purposes, authorize patients, caregivers, and emergency responders to possess, store and administer emergency opioid antagonists, and grant immunity from civil and criminal liability and professional discipline for all individuals who administer emergency opioid antagonists.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Greg Evers, Representative Julio Gonzalez, Representative Ronald "Doc" Renuart, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of legislation as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 State Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2016 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of April, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



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