

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-46-1**

## **§16-46-1. Purpose and findings.**

(a) The purpose of this article is to prevent deaths in circumstances involving individuals who have overdosed on opiates.

(b) The Legislature finds that permitting licensed health care providers to prescribe opioid antagonists to initial responders as well as individuals at risk of experiencing an overdose, their relatives, friends or caregivers may prevent accidental deaths as a result of opiate-related overdoses.