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**A BILL**

To amend sections 2925.61, 2929.14, 2947.231, 1  
3707.56, 3719.121, 3719.21, 4729.06, 4729.071, 2  
4729.16, 4729.18, 4729.19, 4729.38, 4729.51, 3  
4729.54, 4729.541, 4729.55, 4729.571, 4729.60, 4  
4729.68, 4729.99, 4731.22, 4731.94, 4776.02, 5  
4776.04, 5119.391, and 5119.392; to enact 6  
sections 3707.58, 3707.59, 3719.062, 4729.10, 7  
4729.40, 4729.45, 4729.513, 4729.514, 4729.553, 8  
4729.90, 4729.901, 4729.902, 4729.91, 4729.92, 9  
4729.921, 4729.93, 4729.94, 4729.95, 4729.96, 10  
and 4731.943; and to repeal section 4729.42 of 11  
the Revised Code and to amend Sections 331.90 12  
and 331.120 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st 13  
General Assembly to revise certain laws 14  
regarding the regulation of drugs, the practice 15  
of pharmacy, and the provision of addiction 16  
services. 17

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 2925.61, 2929.14, 2947.231, 18

3707.56, 3719.121, 3719.21, 4729.06, 4729.071, 4729.16, 4729.18, 19  
4729.19, 4729.38, 4729.51, 4729.54, 4729.541, 4729.55, 4729.571, 20  
4729.60, 4729.68, 4729.99, 4731.22, 4731.94, 4776.02, 4776.04, 21  
5119.391, and 5119.392 be amended and sections 3707.58, 3707.59, 22  
3719.062, 4729.10, 4729.40, 4729.45, 4729.513, 4729.514, 23  
4729.553, 4729.90, 4729.901, 4729.902, 4729.91, 4729.92, 24  
4729.921, 4729.93, 4729.94, 4729.95, 4729.96, and 4731.943 of 25  
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 26

**Sec. 2925.61.** (A) As used in this section: 27

(1) "Law enforcement agency" means a government entity 28  
that employs peace officers to perform law enforcement duties. 29

(2) "Licensed health professional" means all of the 30  
following: 31

(a) A physician; 32

(b) A physician assistant who is licensed under Chapter 33  
4730. of the Revised Code, holds a valid prescriber number 34  
issued by the state medical board, and has been granted 35  
physician-delegated prescriptive authority; 36

(c) A clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, 37  
or certified nurse practitioner who holds a certificate to 38  
prescribe issued under section 4723.48 of the Revised Code. 39

(3) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 40  
2921.51 of the Revised Code. 41

(4) "Physician" means an individual who is authorized 42  
under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and 43  
surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine 44  
and surgery. 45

(B) A family member, friend, or other individual who is in 46

a position to assist an individual who is apparently 47  
experiencing or at risk of experiencing an opioid-related 48  
overdose, is not subject to criminal prosecution for a violation 49  
of section 4731.41 of the Revised Code or criminal prosecution 50  
under this chapter if the individual, acting in good faith, does 51  
all of the following: 52

(1) Obtains naloxone pursuant to a prescription issued by 53  
a licensed health professional or obtains naloxone from one of 54  
the following: a 55

(a) A licensed health professional,an; 56

(b) An individual who is authorized by either a physician 57  
under section 4731.941 of the Revised Code or a board of health 58  
under section 3707.58 of the Revised Code to personally furnish 59  
naloxone,or a; 60

(c) A pharmacist or pharmacy intern who is authorized by a 61  
physician or board of health under section 4729.44 of the 62  
Revised Code to dispense naloxone without a prescription, 63

(2) Administers the naloxone obtained as described in 64  
division (B)(1) of this section to an individual who is 65  
apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose; 66

(3) Attempts to summon emergency services as soon as 67  
practicable either before or after administering the naloxone. 68

(C) ~~Division~~An individual who is an employee, volunteer, 69  
or contractor of a service entity, as defined in section 70  
4729.514 of the Revised Code, and has been authorized under 71  
section 3707.59 or 4731.943 of the Revised Code to administer 72  
naloxone is not subject to criminal prosecution for a violation 73  
of section 4731.41 of the Revised Code or criminal prosecution 74  
under this chapter if the individual, acting in good faith, does 75

all of the following: 76

(1) Obtains naloxone from the service entity of which the individual is an employee, volunteer, or contractor; 77  
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(2) Administers the naloxone obtained to an individual who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose; 79  
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(3) Attempts to summon emergency services as soon as practicable either before or after administering the naloxone. 81  
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(D) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section does do not 83  
apply to a peace officer or to an emergency medical technician- 84  
basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or emergency 85  
medical technician-paramedic, as defined in section 4765.01 of 86  
the Revised Code. 87

~~(D)-(E) A peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency is not subject to administrative action, criminal 88  
prosecution for a violation of section 4731.41 of the Revised 89  
Code, or criminal prosecution under this chapter if the peace 90  
officer, acting in good faith, obtains naloxone from the peace 91  
officer's law enforcement agency and administers the naloxone to 92  
an individual who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related 93  
overdose. 94  
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(F) A peace officer is entitled to the immunity provided for in section 9.86 or 2744.03 of the Revised Code, as the case may be, for any act or omission associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using naloxone. 96  
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**Sec. 2929.14.** (A) Except as provided in division (B) (1), 100  
(B) (2), (B) (3), (B) (4), (B) (5), (B) (6), (B) (7), (B) (8), (E), 101  
(G), (H), or (J) of this section or in division (D) (6) of 102  
section 2919.25 of the Revised Code and except in relation to an 103  
offense for which a sentence of death or life imprisonment is to 104

be imposed, if the court imposing a sentence upon an offender 105  
for a felony elects or is required to impose a prison term on 106  
the offender pursuant to this chapter, the court shall impose a 107  
definite prison term that shall be one of the following: 108

(1) For a felony of the first degree, the prison term 109  
shall be three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, or 110  
eleven years. 111

(2) For a felony of the second degree, the prison term 112  
shall be two, three, four, five, six, seven, or eight years. 113

(3) (a) For a felony of the third degree that is a 114  
violation of section 2903.06, 2903.08, 2907.03, 2907.04, or 115  
2907.05 of the Revised Code or that is a violation of section 116  
2911.02 or 2911.12 of the Revised Code if the offender 117  
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty in two or 118  
more separate proceedings to two or more violations of section 119  
2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, or 2911.12 of the Revised Code, the 120  
prison term shall be twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, thirty, 121  
thirty-six, forty-two, forty-eight, fifty-four, or sixty months. 122

(b) For a felony of the third degree that is not an 123  
offense for which division (A) (3) (a) of this section applies, 124  
the prison term shall be nine, twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, 125  
thirty, or thirty-six months. 126

(4) For a felony of the fourth degree, the prison term 127  
shall be six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, 128  
fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, or eighteen months. 129

(5) For a felony of the fifth degree, the prison term 130  
shall be six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, or twelve months. 131

(B) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) (1) (e) of this 132  
section, if an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to 133

a felony also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 134  
specification of the type described in section 2941.141, 135  
2941.144, or 2941.145 of the Revised Code, the court shall 136  
impose on the offender one of the following prison terms: 137

(i) A prison term of six years if the specification is of 138  
the type described in section 2941.144 of the Revised Code that 139  
charges the offender with having a firearm that is an automatic 140  
firearm or that was equipped with a firearm muffler or 141  
suppressor on or about the offender's person or under the 142  
offender's control while committing the felony; 143

(ii) A prison term of three years if the specification is 144  
of the type described in section 2941.145 of the Revised Code 145  
that charges the offender with having a firearm on or about the 146  
offender's person or under the offender's control while 147  
committing the offense and displaying the firearm, brandishing 148  
the firearm, indicating that the offender possessed the firearm, 149  
or using it to facilitate the offense; 150

(iii) A prison term of one year if the specification is of 151  
the type described in section 2941.141 of the Revised Code that 152  
charges the offender with having a firearm on or about the 153  
offender's person or under the offender's control while 154  
committing the felony. 155

(b) If a court imposes a prison term on an offender under 156  
division (B) (1) (a) of this section, the prison term shall not be 157  
reduced pursuant to section 2967.19, section 2929.20, section 158  
2967.193, or any other provision of Chapter 2967. or Chapter 159  
5120. of the Revised Code. Except as provided in division (B) (1) 160  
(g) of this section, a court shall not impose more than one 161  
prison term on an offender under division (B) (1) (a) of this 162  
section for felonies committed as part of the same act or 163

transaction. 164

(c) Except as provided in division (B)(1)(e) of this 165  
section, if an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to 166  
a violation of section 2923.161 of the Revised Code or to a 167  
felony that includes, as an essential element, purposely or 168  
knowingly causing or attempting to cause the death of or 169  
physical harm to another, also is convicted of or pleads guilty 170  
to a specification of the type described in section 2941.146 of 171  
the Revised Code that charges the offender with committing the 172  
offense by discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle other than 173  
a manufactured home, the court, after imposing a prison term on 174  
the offender for the violation of section 2923.161 of the 175  
Revised Code or for the other felony offense under division (A), 176  
(B)(2), or (B)(3) of this section, shall impose an additional 177  
prison term of five years upon the offender that shall not be 178  
reduced pursuant to section 2929.20, section 2967.19, section 179  
2967.193, or any other provision of Chapter 2967. or Chapter 180  
5120. of the Revised Code. A court shall not impose more than 181  
one additional prison term on an offender under division (B)(1) 182  
(c) of this section for felonies committed as part of the same 183  
act or transaction. If a court imposes an additional prison term 184  
on an offender under division (B)(1)(c) of this section relative 185  
to an offense, the court also shall impose a prison term under 186  
division (B)(1)(a) of this section relative to the same offense, 187  
provided the criteria specified in that division for imposing an 188  
additional prison term are satisfied relative to the offender 189  
and the offense. 190

(d) If an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to 191  
an offense of violence that is a felony also is convicted of or 192  
pleads guilty to a specification of the type described in 193  
section 2941.1411 of the Revised Code that charges the offender 194

with wearing or carrying body armor while committing the felony 195  
offense of violence, the court shall impose on the offender a 196  
prison term of two years. The prison term so imposed, subject to 197  
divisions (C) to (I) of section 2967.19 of the Revised Code, 198  
shall not be reduced pursuant to section 2929.20, section 199  
2967.19, section 2967.193, or any other provision of Chapter 200  
2967. or Chapter 5120. of the Revised Code. A court shall not 201  
impose more than one prison term on an offender under division 202  
(B) (1) (d) of this section for felonies committed as part of the 203  
same act or transaction. If a court imposes an additional prison 204  
term under division (B) (1) (a) or (c) of this section, the court 205  
is not precluded from imposing an additional prison term under 206  
division (B) (1) (d) of this section. 207

(e) The court shall not impose any of the prison terms 208  
described in division (B) (1) (a) of this section or any of the 209  
additional prison terms described in division (B) (1) (c) of this 210  
section upon an offender for a violation of section 2923.12 or 211  
2923.123 of the Revised Code. The court shall not impose any of 212  
the prison terms described in division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this 213  
section upon an offender for a violation of section 2923.122 214  
that involves a deadly weapon that is a firearm other than a 215  
dangerous ordnance, section 2923.16, or section 2923.121 of the 216  
Revised Code. The court shall not impose any of the prison terms 217  
described in division (B) (1) (a) of this section or any of the 218  
additional prison terms described in division (B) (1) (c) of this 219  
section upon an offender for a violation of section 2923.13 of 220  
the Revised Code unless all of the following apply: 221

(i) The offender previously has been convicted of 222  
aggravated murder, murder, or any felony of the first or second 223  
degree. 224



(ii) Less than five years have passed since the offender 225  
was released from prison or post-release control, whichever is 226  
later, for the prior offense. 227

(f) If an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 228  
felony that includes, as an essential element, causing or 229  
attempting to cause the death of or physical harm to another and 230  
also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification of the 231  
type described in section 2941.1412 of the Revised Code that 232  
charges the offender with committing the offense by discharging 233  
a firearm at a peace officer as defined in section 2935.01 of 234  
the Revised Code or a corrections officer, as defined in section 235  
2941.1412 of the Revised Code, the court, after imposing a 236  
prison term on the offender for the felony offense under 237  
division (A), (B) (2), or (B) (3) of this section, shall impose an 238  
additional prison term of seven years upon the offender that 239  
shall not be reduced pursuant to section 2929.20, section 240  
2967.19, section 2967.193, or any other provision of Chapter 241  
2967. or Chapter 5120. of the Revised Code. If an offender is 242  
convicted of or pleads guilty to two or more felonies that 243  
include, as an essential element, causing or attempting to cause 244  
the death or physical harm to another and also is convicted of 245  
or pleads guilty to a specification of the type described under 246  
division (B) (1) (f) of this section in connection with two or 247  
more of the felonies of which the offender is convicted or to 248  
which the offender pleads guilty, the sentencing court shall 249  
impose on the offender the prison term specified under division 250  
(B) (1) (f) of this section for each of two of the specifications 251  
of which the offender is convicted or to which the offender 252  
pleads guilty and, in its discretion, also may impose on the 253  
offender the prison term specified under that division for any 254  
or all of the remaining specifications. If a court imposes an 255

additional prison term on an offender under division (B) (1) (f) 256  
of this section relative to an offense, the court shall not 257  
impose a prison term under division (B) (1) (a) or (c) of this 258  
section relative to the same offense. 259

(g) If an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to two 260  
or more felonies, if one or more of those felonies are 261  
aggravated murder, murder, attempted aggravated murder, 262  
attempted murder, aggravated robbery, felonious assault, or 263  
rape, and if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 264  
specification of the type described under division (B) (1) (a) of 265  
this section in connection with two or more of the felonies, the 266  
sentencing court shall impose on the offender the prison term 267  
specified under division (B) (1) (a) of this section for each of 268  
the two most serious specifications of which the offender is 269  
convicted or to which the offender pleads guilty and, in its 270  
discretion, also may impose on the offender the prison term 271  
specified under that division for any or all of the remaining 272  
specifications. 273

(2) (a) If division (B) (2) (b) of this section does not 274  
apply, the court may impose on an offender, in addition to the 275  
longest prison term authorized or required for the offense, an 276  
additional definite prison term of one, two, three, four, five, 277  
six, seven, eight, nine, or ten years if all of the following 278  
criteria are met: 279

(i) The offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 280  
specification of the type described in section 2941.149 of the 281  
Revised Code that the offender is a repeat violent offender. 282

(ii) The offense of which the offender currently is 283  
convicted or to which the offender currently pleads guilty is 284  
aggravated murder and the court does not impose a sentence of 285

death or life imprisonment without parole, murder, terrorism and 286  
the court does not impose a sentence of life imprisonment 287  
without parole, any felony of the first degree that is an 288  
offense of violence and the court does not impose a sentence of 289  
life imprisonment without parole, or any felony of the second 290  
degree that is an offense of violence and the trier of fact 291  
finds that the offense involved an attempt to cause or a threat 292  
to cause serious physical harm to a person or resulted in 293  
serious physical harm to a person. 294

(iii) The court imposes the longest prison term for the 295  
offense that is not life imprisonment without parole. 296

(iv) The court finds that the prison terms imposed 297  
pursuant to division (B) (2) (a) (iii) of this section and, if 298  
applicable, division (B) (1) or (3) of this section are 299  
inadequate to punish the offender and protect the public from 300  
future crime, because the applicable factors under section 301  
2929.12 of the Revised Code indicating a greater likelihood of 302  
recidivism outweigh the applicable factors under that section 303  
indicating a lesser likelihood of recidivism. 304

(v) The court finds that the prison terms imposed pursuant 305  
to division (B) (2) (a) (iii) of this section and, if applicable, 306  
division (B) (1) or (3) of this section are demeaning to the 307  
seriousness of the offense, because one or more of the factors 308  
under section 2929.12 of the Revised Code indicating that the 309  
offender's conduct is more serious than conduct normally 310  
constituting the offense are present, and they outweigh the 311  
applicable factors under that section indicating that the 312  
offender's conduct is less serious than conduct normally 313  
constituting the offense. 314

(b) The court shall impose on an offender the longest 315

prison term authorized or required for the offense and shall 316  
impose on the offender an additional definite prison term of 317  
one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, or ten 318  
years if all of the following criteria are met: 319

(i) The offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 320  
specification of the type described in section 2941.149 of the 321  
Revised Code that the offender is a repeat violent offender. 322

(ii) The offender within the preceding twenty years has 323  
been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more offenses 324  
described in division (CC)(1) of section 2929.01 of the Revised 325  
Code, including all offenses described in that division of which 326  
the offender is convicted or to which the offender pleads guilty 327  
in the current prosecution and all offenses described in that 328  
division of which the offender previously has been convicted or 329  
to which the offender previously pleaded guilty, whether 330  
prosecuted together or separately. 331

(iii) The offense or offenses of which the offender 332  
currently is convicted or to which the offender currently pleads 333  
guilty is aggravated murder and the court does not impose a 334  
sentence of death or life imprisonment without parole, murder, 335  
terrorism and the court does not impose a sentence of life 336  
imprisonment without parole, any felony of the first degree that 337  
is an offense of violence and the court does not impose a 338  
sentence of life imprisonment without parole, or any felony of 339  
the second degree that is an offense of violence and the trier 340  
of fact finds that the offense involved an attempt to cause or a 341  
threat to cause serious physical harm to a person or resulted in 342  
serious physical harm to a person. 343

(c) For purposes of division (B)(2)(b) of this section, 344  
two or more offenses committed at the same time or as part of 345

the same act or event shall be considered one offense, and that 346  
one offense shall be the offense with the greatest penalty. 347

(d) A sentence imposed under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of 348  
this section shall not be reduced pursuant to section 2929.20, 349  
section 2967.19, or section 2967.193, or any other provision of 350  
Chapter 2967. or Chapter 5120. of the Revised Code. The offender 351  
shall serve an additional prison term imposed under this section 352  
consecutively to and prior to the prison term imposed for the 353  
underlying offense. 354

(e) When imposing a sentence pursuant to division (B) (2) 355  
(a) or (b) of this section, the court shall state its findings 356  
explaining the imposed sentence. 357

(3) Except when an offender commits a violation of section 358  
2903.01 or 2907.02 of the Revised Code and the penalty imposed 359  
for the violation is life imprisonment or commits a violation of 360  
section 2903.02 of the Revised Code, if the offender commits a 361  
violation of section 2925.03 or 2925.11 of the Revised Code and 362  
that section classifies the offender as a major drug offender, 363  
if the offender commits a felony violation of section 2925.02, 364  
2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.36, 3719.07, 3719.08, 3719.16, 3719.161, 365  
4729.37, or 4729.61, division (C) or (D) of section 3719.172, 366  
division ~~(C)~~ (E) of section 4729.51, or division (J) of section 367  
4729.54 of the Revised Code that includes the sale, offer to 368  
sell, or possession of a schedule I or II controlled substance, 369  
with the exception of marihuana, and the court imposing sentence 370  
upon the offender finds that the offender is guilty of a 371  
specification of the type described in section 2941.1410 of the 372  
Revised Code charging that the offender is a major drug 373  
offender, if the court imposing sentence upon an offender for a 374  
felony finds that the offender is guilty of corrupt activity 375

with the most serious offense in the pattern of corrupt activity 376  
being a felony of the first degree, or if the offender is guilty 377  
of an attempted violation of section 2907.02 of the Revised Code 378  
and, had the offender completed the violation of section 2907.02 379  
of the Revised Code that was attempted, the offender would have 380  
been subject to a sentence of life imprisonment or life 381  
imprisonment without parole for the violation of section 2907.02 382  
of the Revised Code, the court shall impose upon the offender 383  
for the felony violation a mandatory prison term of the maximum 384  
prison term prescribed for a felony of the first degree that, 385  
subject to divisions (C) to (I) of section 2967.19 of the 386  
Revised Code, cannot be reduced pursuant to section 2929.20, 387  
section 2967.19, or any other provision of Chapter 2967. or 388  
5120. of the Revised Code. 389

(4) If the offender is being sentenced for a third or 390  
fourth degree felony OVI offense under division (G) (2) of 391  
section 2929.13 of the Revised Code, the sentencing court shall 392  
impose upon the offender a mandatory prison term in accordance 393  
with that division. In addition to the mandatory prison term, if 394  
the offender is being sentenced for a fourth degree felony OVI 395  
offense, the court, notwithstanding division (A) (4) of this 396  
section, may sentence the offender to a definite prison term of 397  
not less than six months and not more than thirty months, and if 398  
the offender is being sentenced for a third degree felony OVI 399  
offense, the sentencing court may sentence the offender to an 400  
additional prison term of any duration specified in division (A) 401  
(3) of this section. In either case, the additional prison term 402  
imposed shall be reduced by the sixty or one hundred twenty days 403  
imposed upon the offender as the mandatory prison term. The 404  
total of the additional prison term imposed under division (B) 405  
(4) of this section plus the sixty or one hundred twenty days 406

imposed as the mandatory prison term shall equal a definite term 407  
in the range of six months to thirty months for a fourth degree 408  
felony OVI offense and shall equal one of the authorized prison 409  
terms specified in division (A) (3) of this section for a third 410  
degree felony OVI offense. If the court imposes an additional 411  
prison term under division (B) (4) of this section, the offender 412  
shall serve the additional prison term after the offender has 413  
served the mandatory prison term required for the offense. In 414  
addition to the mandatory prison term or mandatory and 415  
additional prison term imposed as described in division (B) (4) 416  
of this section, the court also may sentence the offender to a 417  
community control sanction under section 2929.16 or 2929.17 of 418  
the Revised Code, but the offender shall serve all of the prison 419  
terms so imposed prior to serving the community control 420  
sanction. 421

If the offender is being sentenced for a fourth degree 422  
felony OVI offense under division (G) (1) of section 2929.13 of 423  
the Revised Code and the court imposes a mandatory term of local 424  
incarceration, the court may impose a prison term as described 425  
in division (A) (1) of that section. 426

(5) If an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 427  
violation of division (A) (1) or (2) of section 2903.06 of the 428  
Revised Code and also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 429  
specification of the type described in section 2941.1414 of the 430  
Revised Code that charges that the victim of the offense is a 431  
peace officer, as defined in section 2935.01 of the Revised 432  
Code, or an investigator of the bureau of criminal 433  
identification and investigation, as defined in section 2903.11 434  
of the Revised Code, the court shall impose on the offender a 435  
prison term of five years. If a court imposes a prison term on 436  
an offender under division (B) (5) of this section, the prison 437

term, subject to divisions (C) to (I) of section 2967.19 of the 438  
Revised Code, shall not be reduced pursuant to section 2929.20, 439  
section 2967.19, section 2967.193, or any other provision of 440  
Chapter 2967. or Chapter 5120. of the Revised Code. A court 441  
shall not impose more than one prison term on an offender under 442  
division (B) (5) of this section for felonies committed as part 443  
of the same act. 444

(6) If an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 445  
violation of division (A) (1) or (2) of section 2903.06 of the 446  
Revised Code and also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 447  
specification of the type described in section 2941.1415 of the 448  
Revised Code that charges that the offender previously has been 449  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of 450  
division (A) or (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or an 451  
equivalent offense, as defined in section 2941.1415 of the 452  
Revised Code, or three or more violations of any combination of 453  
those divisions and offenses, the court shall impose on the 454  
offender a prison term of three years. If a court imposes a 455  
prison term on an offender under division (B) (6) of this 456  
section, the prison term, subject to divisions (C) to (I) of 457  
section 2967.19 of the Revised Code, shall not be reduced 458  
pursuant to section 2929.20, section 2967.19, section 2967.193, 459  
or any other provision of Chapter 2967. or Chapter 5120. of the 460  
Revised Code. A court shall not impose more than one prison term 461  
on an offender under division (B) (6) of this section for 462  
felonies committed as part of the same act. 463

(7) (a) If an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to 464  
a felony violation of section 2905.01, 2905.02, 2907.21, 465  
2907.22, or 2923.32, division (A) (1) or (2) of section 2907.323, 466  
or division (B) (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of section 2919.22 of 467  
the Revised Code and also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 468



specification of the type described in section 2941.1422 of the Revised Code that charges that the offender knowingly committed the offense in furtherance of human trafficking, the court shall impose on the offender a mandatory prison term that is one of the following:

(i) If the offense is a felony of the first degree, a definite prison term of not less than five years and not greater than ten years;

(ii) If the offense is a felony of the second or third degree, a definite prison term of not less than three years and not greater than the maximum prison term allowed for the offense by division (A) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code;

(iii) If the offense is a felony of the fourth or fifth degree, a definite prison term that is the maximum prison term allowed for the offense by division (A) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code.

(b) Subject to divisions (C) to (I) of section 2967.19 of the Revised Code, the prison term imposed under division (B) (7) (a) of this section shall not be reduced pursuant to section 2929.20, section 2967.19, section 2967.193, or any other provision of Chapter 2967. of the Revised Code. A court shall not impose more than one prison term on an offender under division (B) (7) (a) of this section for felonies committed as part of the same act, scheme, or plan.

(8) If an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony violation of section 2903.11, 2903.12, or 2903.13 of the Revised Code and also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification of the type described in section 2941.1423 of the Revised Code that charges that the victim of the violation was a

woman whom the offender knew was pregnant at the time of the 498  
violation, notwithstanding the range of prison terms prescribed 499  
in division (A) of this section for felonies of the same degree 500  
as the violation, the court shall impose on the offender a 501  
mandatory prison term that is either a definite prison term of 502  
six months or one of the prison terms prescribed in section 503  
2929.14 of the Revised Code for felonies of the same degree as 504  
the violation. 505

(C) (1) (a) Subject to division (C) (1) (b) of this section, 506  
if a mandatory prison term is imposed upon an offender pursuant 507  
to division (B) (1) (a) of this section for having a firearm on or 508  
about the offender's person or under the offender's control 509  
while committing a felony, if a mandatory prison term is imposed 510  
upon an offender pursuant to division (B) (1) (c) of this section 511  
for committing a felony specified in that division by 512  
discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle, or if both types of 513  
mandatory prison terms are imposed, the offender shall serve any 514  
mandatory prison term imposed under either division 515  
consecutively to any other mandatory prison term imposed under 516  
either division or under division (B) (1) (d) of this section, 517  
consecutively to and prior to any prison term imposed for the 518  
underlying felony pursuant to division (A), (B) (2), or (B) (3) of 519  
this section or any other section of the Revised Code, and 520  
consecutively to any other prison term or mandatory prison term 521  
previously or subsequently imposed upon the offender. 522

(b) If a mandatory prison term is imposed upon an offender 523  
pursuant to division (B) (1) (d) of this section for wearing or 524  
carrying body armor while committing an offense of violence that 525  
is a felony, the offender shall serve the mandatory term so 526  
imposed consecutively to any other mandatory prison term imposed 527  
under that division or under division (B) (1) (a) or (c) of this 528

section, consecutively to and prior to any prison term imposed 529  
for the underlying felony under division (A), (B) (2), or (B) (3) 530  
of this section or any other section of the Revised Code, and 531  
consecutively to any other prison term or mandatory prison term 532  
previously or subsequently imposed upon the offender. 533

(c) If a mandatory prison term is imposed upon an offender 534  
pursuant to division (B) (1) (f) of this section, the offender 535  
shall serve the mandatory prison term so imposed consecutively 536  
to and prior to any prison term imposed for the underlying 537  
felony under division (A), (B) (2), or (B) (3) of this section or 538  
any other section of the Revised Code, and consecutively to any 539  
other prison term or mandatory prison term previously or 540  
subsequently imposed upon the offender. 541

(d) If a mandatory prison term is imposed upon an offender 542  
pursuant to division (B) (7) or (8) of this section, the offender 543  
shall serve the mandatory prison term so imposed consecutively 544  
to any other mandatory prison term imposed under that division 545  
or under any other provision of law and consecutively to any 546  
other prison term or mandatory prison term previously or 547  
subsequently imposed upon the offender. 548

(2) If an offender who is an inmate in a jail, prison, or 549  
other residential detention facility violates section 2917.02, 550  
2917.03, or 2921.35 of the Revised Code or division (A) (1) or 551  
(2) of section 2921.34 of the Revised Code, if an offender who 552  
is under detention at a detention facility commits a felony 553  
violation of section 2923.131 of the Revised Code, or if an 554  
offender who is an inmate in a jail, prison, or other 555  
residential detention facility or is under detention at a 556  
detention facility commits another felony while the offender is 557  
an escapee in violation of division (A) (1) or (2) of section 558

2921.34 of the Revised Code, any prison term imposed upon the 559  
offender for one of those violations shall be served by the 560  
offender consecutively to the prison term or term of 561  
imprisonment the offender was serving when the offender 562  
committed that offense and to any other prison term previously 563  
or subsequently imposed upon the offender. 564

(3) If a prison term is imposed for a violation of 565  
division (B) of section 2911.01 of the Revised Code, a violation 566  
of division (A) of section 2913.02 of the Revised Code in which 567  
the stolen property is a firearm or dangerous ordnance, or a 568  
felony violation of division (B) of section 2921.331 of the 569  
Revised Code, the offender shall serve that prison term 570  
consecutively to any other prison term or mandatory prison term 571  
previously or subsequently imposed upon the offender. 572

(4) If multiple prison terms are imposed on an offender 573  
for convictions of multiple offenses, the court may require the 574  
offender to serve the prison terms consecutively if the court 575  
finds that the consecutive service is necessary to protect the 576  
public from future crime or to punish the offender and that 577  
consecutive sentences are not disproportionate to the 578  
seriousness of the offender's conduct and to the danger the 579  
offender poses to the public, and if the court also finds any of 580  
the following: 581

(a) The offender committed one or more of the multiple 582  
offenses while the offender was awaiting trial or sentencing, 583  
was under a sanction imposed pursuant to section 2929.16, 584  
2929.17, or 2929.18 of the Revised Code, or was under post- 585  
release control for a prior offense. 586

(b) At least two of the multiple offenses were committed 587  
as part of one or more courses of conduct, and the harm caused 588

by two or more of the multiple offenses so committed was so 589  
great or unusual that no single prison term for any of the 590  
offenses committed as part of any of the courses of conduct 591  
adequately reflects the seriousness of the offender's conduct. 592

(c) The offender's history of criminal conduct 593  
demonstrates that consecutive sentences are necessary to protect 594  
the public from future crime by the offender. 595

(5) If a mandatory prison term is imposed upon an offender 596  
pursuant to division (B) (5) or (6) of this section, the offender 597  
shall serve the mandatory prison term consecutively to and prior 598  
to any prison term imposed for the underlying violation of 599  
division (A) (1) or (2) of section 2903.06 of the Revised Code 600  
pursuant to division (A) of this section or section 2929.142 of 601  
the Revised Code. If a mandatory prison term is imposed upon an 602  
offender pursuant to division (B) (5) of this section, and if a 603  
mandatory prison term also is imposed upon the offender pursuant 604  
to division (B) (6) of this section in relation to the same 605  
violation, the offender shall serve the mandatory prison term 606  
imposed pursuant to division (B) (5) of this section 607  
consecutively to and prior to the mandatory prison term imposed 608  
pursuant to division (B) (6) of this section and consecutively to 609  
and prior to any prison term imposed for the underlying 610  
violation of division (A) (1) or (2) of section 2903.06 of the 611  
Revised Code pursuant to division (A) of this section or section 612  
2929.142 of the Revised Code. 613

(6) When consecutive prison terms are imposed pursuant to 614  
division (C) (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) or division (H) (1) or (2) 615  
of this section, the term to be served is the aggregate of all 616  
of the terms so imposed. 617

(D) (1) If a court imposes a prison term for a felony of 618

the first degree, for a felony of the second degree, for a 619  
felony sex offense, or for a felony of the third degree that is 620  
not a felony sex offense and in the commission of which the 621  
offender caused or threatened to cause physical harm to a 622  
person, it shall include in the sentence a requirement that the 623  
offender be subject to a period of post-release control after 624  
the offender's release from imprisonment, in accordance with 625  
that division. If a court imposes a sentence including a prison 626  
term of a type described in this division on or after July 11, 627  
2006, the failure of a court to include a post-release control 628  
requirement in the sentence pursuant to this division does not 629  
negate, limit, or otherwise affect the mandatory period of post- 630  
release control that is required for the offender under division 631  
(B) of section 2967.28 of the Revised Code. Section 2929.191 of 632  
the Revised Code applies if, prior to July 11, 2006, a court 633  
imposed a sentence including a prison term of a type described 634  
in this division and failed to include in the sentence pursuant 635  
to this division a statement regarding post-release control. 636

(2) If a court imposes a prison term for a felony of the 637  
third, fourth, or fifth degree that is not subject to division 638  
(D)(1) of this section, it shall include in the sentence a 639  
requirement that the offender be subject to a period of post- 640  
release control after the offender's release from imprisonment, 641  
in accordance with that division, if the parole board determines 642  
that a period of post-release control is necessary. Section 643  
2929.191 of the Revised Code applies if, prior to July 11, 2006, 644  
a court imposed a sentence including a prison term of a type 645  
described in this division and failed to include in the sentence 646  
pursuant to this division a statement regarding post-release 647  
control. 648

(E) The court shall impose sentence upon the offender in 649

accordance with section 2971.03 of the Revised Code, and Chapter 650  
2971. of the Revised Code applies regarding the prison term or 651  
term of life imprisonment without parole imposed upon the 652  
offender and the service of that term of imprisonment if any of 653  
the following apply: 654

(1) A person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violent 655  
sex offense or a designated homicide, assault, or kidnapping 656  
offense, and, in relation to that offense, the offender is 657  
adjudicated a sexually violent predator. 658

(2) A person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 659  
violation of division (A) (1) (b) of section 2907.02 of the 660  
Revised Code committed on or after January 2, 2007, and either 661  
the court does not impose a sentence of life without parole when 662  
authorized pursuant to division (B) of section 2907.02 of the 663  
Revised Code, or division (B) of section 2907.02 of the Revised 664  
Code provides that the court shall not sentence the offender 665  
pursuant to section 2971.03 of the Revised Code. 666

(3) A person is convicted of or pleads guilty to attempted 667  
rape committed on or after January 2, 2007, and a specification 668  
of the type described in section 2941.1418, 2941.1419, or 669  
2941.1420 of the Revised Code. 670

(4) A person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 671  
violation of section 2905.01 of the Revised Code committed on or 672  
after January 1, 2008, and that section requires the court to 673  
sentence the offender pursuant to section 2971.03 of the Revised 674  
Code. 675

(5) A person is convicted of or pleads guilty to 676  
aggravated murder committed on or after January 1, 2008, and 677  
division (A) (2) (b) (ii) of section 2929.022, division (A) (1) (e), 678

(C) (1) (a) (v), (C) (2) (a) (ii), (D) (2) (b), (D) (3) (a) (iv), or (E) (1) 679  
(d) of section 2929.03, or division (A) or (B) of section 680  
2929.06 of the Revised Code requires the court to sentence the 681  
offender pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 2971.03 of the 682  
Revised Code. 683

(6) A person is convicted of or pleads guilty to murder 684  
committed on or after January 1, 2008, and division (B) (2) of 685  
section 2929.02 of the Revised Code requires the court to 686  
sentence the offender pursuant to section 2971.03 of the Revised 687  
Code. 688

(F) If a person who has been convicted of or pleaded 689  
guilty to a felony is sentenced to a prison term or term of 690  
imprisonment under this section, sections 2929.02 to 2929.06 of 691  
the Revised Code, section 2929.142 of the Revised Code, section 692  
2971.03 of the Revised Code, or any other provision of law, 693  
section 5120.163 of the Revised Code applies regarding the 694  
person while the person is confined in a state correctional 695  
institution. 696

(G) If an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to 697  
a felony that is an offense of violence also is convicted of or 698  
pleads guilty to a specification of the type described in 699  
section 2941.142 of the Revised Code that charges the offender 700  
with having committed the felony while participating in a 701  
criminal gang, the court shall impose upon the offender an 702  
additional prison term of one, two, or three years. 703

(H) (1) If an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty 704  
to aggravated murder, murder, or a felony of the first, second, 705  
or third degree that is an offense of violence also is convicted 706  
of or pleads guilty to a specification of the type described in 707  
section 2941.143 of the Revised Code that charges the offender 708



with having committed the offense in a school safety zone or 709  
towards a person in a school safety zone, the court shall impose 710  
upon the offender an additional prison term of two years. The 711  
offender shall serve the additional two years consecutively to 712  
and prior to the prison term imposed for the underlying offense. 713

(2) (a) If an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to 714  
a felony violation of section 2907.22, 2907.24, 2907.241, or 715  
2907.25 of the Revised Code and to a specification of the type 716  
described in section 2941.1421 of the Revised Code and if the 717  
court imposes a prison term on the offender for the felony 718  
violation, the court may impose upon the offender an additional 719  
prison term as follows: 720

(i) Subject to division (H) (2) (a) (ii) of this section, an 721  
additional prison term of one, two, three, four, five, or six 722  
months; 723

(ii) If the offender previously has been convicted of or 724  
pleaded guilty to one or more felony or misdemeanor violations 725  
of section 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.241, or 2907.25 of 726  
the Revised Code and also was convicted of or pleaded guilty to 727  
a specification of the type described in section 2941.1421 of 728  
the Revised Code regarding one or more of those violations, an 729  
additional prison term of one, two, three, four, five, six, 730  
seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, or twelve months. 731

(b) In lieu of imposing an additional prison term under 732  
division (H) (2) (a) of this section, the court may directly 733  
impose on the offender a sanction that requires the offender to 734  
wear a real-time processing, continual tracking electronic 735  
monitoring device during the period of time specified by the 736  
court. The period of time specified by the court shall equal the 737  
duration of an additional prison term that the court could have 738

imposed upon the offender under division (H) (2) (a) of this 739  
section. A sanction imposed under this division shall commence 740  
on the date specified by the court, provided that the sanction 741  
shall not commence until after the offender has served the 742  
prison term imposed for the felony violation of section 2907.22, 743  
2907.24, 2907.241, or 2907.25 of the Revised Code and any 744  
residential sanction imposed for the violation under section 745  
2929.16 of the Revised Code. A sanction imposed under this 746  
division shall be considered to be a community control sanction 747  
for purposes of section 2929.15 of the Revised Code, and all 748  
provisions of the Revised Code that pertain to community control 749  
sanctions shall apply to a sanction imposed under this division, 750  
except to the extent that they would by their nature be clearly 751  
inapplicable. The offender shall pay all costs associated with a 752  
sanction imposed under this division, including the cost of the 753  
use of the monitoring device. 754

(I) At the time of sentencing, the court may recommend the 755  
offender for placement in a program of shock incarceration under 756  
section 5120.031 of the Revised Code or for placement in an 757  
intensive program prison under section 5120.032 of the Revised 758  
Code, disapprove placement of the offender in a program of shock 759  
incarceration or an intensive program prison of that nature, or 760  
make no recommendation on placement of the offender. In no case 761  
shall the department of rehabilitation and correction place the 762  
offender in a program or prison of that nature unless the 763  
department determines as specified in section 5120.031 or 764  
5120.032 of the Revised Code, whichever is applicable, that the 765  
offender is eligible for the placement. 766

If the court disapproves placement of the offender in a 767  
program or prison of that nature, the department of 768  
rehabilitation and correction shall not place the offender in 769

any program of shock incarceration or intensive program prison. 770

If the court recommends placement of the offender in a 771  
program of shock incarceration or in an intensive program 772  
prison, and if the offender is subsequently placed in the 773  
recommended program or prison, the department shall notify the 774  
court of the placement and shall include with the notice a brief 775  
description of the placement. 776

If the court recommends placement of the offender in a 777  
program of shock incarceration or in an intensive program prison 778  
and the department does not subsequently place the offender in 779  
the recommended program or prison, the department shall send a 780  
notice to the court indicating why the offender was not placed 781  
in the recommended program or prison. 782

If the court does not make a recommendation under this 783  
division with respect to an offender and if the department 784  
determines as specified in section 5120.031 or 5120.032 of the 785  
Revised Code, whichever is applicable, that the offender is 786  
eligible for placement in a program or prison of that nature, 787  
the department shall screen the offender and determine if there 788  
is an available program of shock incarceration or an intensive 789  
program prison for which the offender is suited. If there is an 790  
available program of shock incarceration or an intensive program 791  
prison for which the offender is suited, the department shall 792  
notify the court of the proposed placement of the offender as 793  
specified in section 5120.031 or 5120.032 of the Revised Code 794  
and shall include with the notice a brief description of the 795  
placement. The court shall have ten days from receipt of the 796  
notice to disapprove the placement. 797

(J) If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to 798  
aggravated vehicular homicide in violation of division (A) (1) of 799

section 2903.06 of the Revised Code and division (B) (2) (c) of 800  
that section applies, the person shall be sentenced pursuant to 801  
section 2929.142 of the Revised Code. 802

**Sec. 2947.231.** If a business entity described in division 803  
~~(B) (1) (j)~~ (A) (2) or ~~(k) (3)~~ of section ~~4729.51-4729.541~~ of the 804  
Revised Code pleads guilty or no contest to or is found guilty 805  
of any criminal offense, the judge or magistrate shall include 806  
in the sentence any costs incurred by the state board of 807  
pharmacy in an investigation leading to the plea or conviction. 808  
Investigative costs include staff salaries, administrative 809  
costs, travel expenses, attorney's fees, and any other 810  
reasonable expense incurred by the board. The board shall set 811  
forth the costs the entity is required to pay in an itemized 812  
statement provided to the judge or magistrate. 813

**Sec. 3707.56.** (A) As used in this section, "board of 814  
health" means a board of health of a city or general health 815  
district or the authority having the duties of a board of health 816  
under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code. 817

(B) A board of health, through a physician serving as the 818  
board's health commissioner or medical director, may authorize 819  
pharmacists and pharmacy interns ~~working practicing pharmacy in~~ 820  
a county that includes all or part of the board's jurisdiction- 821  
health district represented by the board to use the protocol 822  
developed pursuant to rules adopted under section 4729.44 of the 823  
Revised Code for the purpose of dispensing naloxone under 824  
section 4729.44 of the Revised Code. 825

**Sec. 3707.58.** (A) As used in this section and section 826  
3707.59 of the Revised Code, "board of health" means a board of 827  
health of a city or general health district or the authority 828  
having the duties of a board of health under section 3709.05 of 829

the Revised Code. 830

(B) A board of health that establishes a protocol under 831  
division (D) of this section may, through a physician serving as 832  
the board's health commissioner or medical director, authorize 833  
one or more individuals to personally furnish a supply of 834  
naloxone pursuant to the protocol to either of the following: 835

(1) An individual who there is reason to believe is 836  
experiencing or at risk of experiencing an opioid-related 837  
overdose; 838

(2) A family member, friend, or other person in a position 839  
to assist an individual who there is reason to believe is at 840  
risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose. 841

(C) (1) An individual authorized under this section may 842  
personally furnish naloxone to an individual described in 843  
division (B) of this section if both of the following conditions 844  
are met: 845

(a) The authorized individual complies with the protocol 846  
established by the authorizing board, including having completed 847  
the training required by the protocol. 848

(b) The authorized individual instructs the individual to 849  
whom naloxone is furnished to summon emergency services as soon 850  
as practicable either before or after administering naloxone. 851

(2) An individual authorized under this section to 852  
personally furnish naloxone may do so without having examined 853  
the individual to whom it may be administered. 854

(D) A board of health, through a physician serving as the 855  
board's health commissioner or medical director, may establish a 856  
protocol for personally furnishing naloxone under division (B) 857

of this section. The protocol must be in writing and include all 858  
of the following: 859

(1) A description of the clinical pharmacology of 860  
naloxone; 861

(2) Precautions and contraindications concerning 862  
furnishing naloxone; 863

(3) Any limitations the board specifies concerning the 864  
individuals to whom naloxone may be furnished; 865

(4) The naloxone dosage that may be furnished and any 866  
variation in the dosage based on circumstances specified in the 867  
protocol; 868

(5) Labeling, storage, record-keeping, and administrative 869  
requirements; 870

(6) Training requirements that must be met before an 871  
individual can be authorized to furnish naloxone; 872

(7) Any instructions or training the authorized individual 873  
must provide to an individual to whom naloxone is furnished. 874

(E) A board that in good faith authorizes an individual to 875  
personally furnish naloxone under this section is not liable for 876  
damages in any civil action for any act or omission of the 877  
individual to whom the naloxone is furnished. 878

A physician serving as a board's health commissioner or 879  
medical director who in good faith authorizes an individual to 880  
personally furnish naloxone under this section is not liable for 881  
or subject to any of the following for any act or omission of 882  
the individual to whom the naloxone is furnished: damages in any 883  
civil action, prosecution in any criminal proceeding, or 884  
professional disciplinary action. 885

An individual authorized under this section to personally furnish naloxone who does so in good faith is not liable for or subject to any of the following for any act or omission of the individual to whom the naloxone is furnished: damages in any civil action, prosecution in any criminal proceeding, or professional disciplinary action. 886  
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**Sec. 3707.59.** (A) As used in this section, "service entity" has the same meaning as in section 4729.514 of the Revised Code. 892  
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(B) A board of health that has established a protocol under division (D) of this section may authorize an individual who is an employee, volunteer, or contractor of a service entity to administer naloxone to an individual who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose. 895  
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(C) An individual authorized by a board of health under this section may administer naloxone to an individual who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose if both of the following conditions are met: 900  
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(1) The authorized individual complies with the protocol established by the board. 904  
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(2) The authorized individual summons emergency services as soon as practicable either before or after administering the naloxone. 906  
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(D) A board of health, through a physician serving as the board's health commissioner or medical director, may establish a protocol for administering naloxone under this section. The protocol must be established in writing and include all of the following: 909  
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(1) A description of the clinical pharmacology of 914

<u>naloxone;</u>	915
<u>(2) Precautions and contraindications concerning the</u>	916
<u>administration of naloxone;</u>	917
<u>(3) Any limitations the board specifies concerning the</u>	918
<u>individuals to whom naloxone may be administered;</u>	919
<u>(4) The naloxone dosage that may be administered and any</u>	920
<u>variation in the dosage based on circumstances specified in the</u>	921
<u>protocol;</u>	922
<u>(5) Labeling, storage, record-keeping, and administrative</u>	923
<u>requirements;</u>	924
<u>(6) Training requirements that must be met before an</u>	925
<u>individual can be authorized to administer naloxone.</u>	926
<u>(E) A board that in good faith authorizes an individual to</u>	927
<u>administer naloxone under this section is not liable for damages</u>	928
<u>in any civil action for any act or omission of the authorized</u>	929
<u>individual.</u>	930
<u>A physician serving as a board's health commissioner or</u>	931
<u>medical director who in good faith authorizes an individual to</u>	932
<u>administer naloxone under this section is not liable for or</u>	933
<u>subject to any of the following for any act or omission of the</u>	934
<u>authorized individual: damages in any civil action, prosecution</u>	935
<u>in any criminal proceeding, or professional disciplinary action.</u>	936
<u>A service entity or an employee, volunteer, or contractor</u>	937
<u>of a service entity is not liable for or subject to any of the</u>	938
<u>following for injury, death, or loss to person or property that</u>	939
<u>allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with</u>	940
<u>procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using naloxone under this</u>	941
<u>section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or</u>	942



wanton misconduct: damages in any civil action, prosecution in 943  
any criminal proceeding, or professional disciplinary action. 944

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any 945  
other immunity or defense that a service entity or an employee, 946  
volunteer, or contractor of a service entity may be entitled to 947  
under Chapter 2305. or any other provision of the Revised Code 948  
or under the common law of this state. 949

**Sec. 3719.062.** As used in this section, "health-related 950  
licensing board" means a state board authorized to issue a 951  
license to engage in the practice of a licensed health 952  
professional authorized to prescribe drugs. 953

A health-related licensing board may adopt rules limiting 954  
the amount of an opioid analgesic that may be prescribed 955  
pursuant to a single prescription by an individual licensed by 956  
the board. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 957  
119. of the Revised Code. 958

**Sec. 3719.121.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 959  
4723.28, 4723.35, 4730.25, 4731.22, 4734.39, or 4734.41 of the 960  
Revised Code, the license, certificate, or registration of any 961  
dentist, chiropractor, physician, podiatrist, registered nurse, 962  
licensed practical nurse, physician assistant, pharmacist, 963  
pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician trainee, registered 964  
pharmacy technician, certified pharmacy technician, optometrist, 965  
or veterinarian who is or becomes addicted to the use of 966  
controlled substances shall be suspended by the board that 967  
authorized the person's license, certificate, or registration 968  
until the person offers satisfactory proof to the board that the 969  
person no longer is addicted to the use of controlled 970  
substances. 971

(B) If the board under which a person has been issued a license, certificate, or evidence of registration determines that there is clear and convincing evidence that continuation of the person's professional practice or method of administering, prescribing, preparing, distributing, dispensing, or personally furnishing controlled substances or other dangerous drugs presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to others, the board may suspend the person's license, certificate, or registration without a hearing. Except as otherwise provided in sections 4715.30, 4723.281, 4729.16, 4730.25, 4731.22, and 4734.36 of the Revised Code, the board shall follow the procedure for suspension without a prior hearing in section 119.07 of the Revised Code. The suspension shall remain in effect, unless removed by the board, until the board's final adjudication order becomes effective, except that if the board does not issue its final adjudication order within ninety days after the hearing, the suspension shall be void on the ninety-first day after the hearing.

(C) On receiving notification pursuant to section 2929.42 or 3719.12 of the Revised Code, the board under which a person has been issued a license, certificate, or evidence of registration immediately shall suspend the license, certificate, or registration of that person on a plea of guilty to, a finding by a jury or court of the person's guilt of, or conviction of a felony drug abuse offense; a finding by a court of the person's eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction; a plea of guilty to, or a finding by a jury or court of the person's guilt of, or the person's conviction of an offense in another jurisdiction that is essentially the same as a felony drug abuse offense; or a finding by a court of the person's eligibility for treatment or intervention in lieu of conviction in another

jurisdiction. The board shall notify the holder of the license, 1003  
certificate, or registration of the suspension, which shall 1004  
remain in effect until the board holds an adjudicatory hearing 1005  
under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1006

**Sec. 3719.21.** Except as provided in division (C) of 1007  
section 2923.42, division (B) of section 2923.44, divisions (D) 1008  
(1), (F), and (H) of section 2925.03, division (D)(1) of section 1009  
2925.02, 2925.04, or 2925.05, division (E)(1) of section 1010  
2925.11, division (F) of section 2925.13, division (F) of 1011  
section 2925.36, division (D) of section 2925.22, division (H) 1012  
of section 2925.23, division (M) of section 2925.37, division 1013  
(B) of section 2925.42, division (B) of section 2929.18, 1014  
division (D) of section 3719.99, division (B)(1) of section 1015  
4729.65, division (E)(3) of section 4729.99, and division (I)~~(4)~~— 1016  
(3) of section 4729.99 of the Revised Code, the clerk of the 1017  
court shall pay all fines or forfeited bail assessed and 1018  
collected under prosecutions or prosecutions commenced for 1019  
violations of this chapter, section 2923.42 of the Revised Code, 1020  
or Chapter 2925. of the Revised Code, within thirty days, to the 1021  
executive director of the state board of pharmacy, and the 1022  
executive director shall deposit the fines into the state 1023  
treasury to the credit of the occupational licensing and 1024  
regulatory fund. 1025

**Sec. 4729.06.** The state board of pharmacy shall keep a 1026  
record of its proceedings and a register of all ~~persons to whom~~ 1027  
~~identification cards and~~, licenses, and registrations that have 1028  
been granted ~~as pharmacists or pharmacy interns~~, together with 1029  
each renewal and suspension or revocation of an identification 1030  
card ~~and~~, license, or registration. The books and registers of 1031  
the board shall be prima-facie evidence of the matters therein 1032  
recorded. The books and registers may be in electronic format. 1033

The president and executive director of the board may 1034  
administer oaths. 1035

A statement signed by the executive director to which is 1036  
affixed the official seal of the board to the effect that it 1037  
appears from the records of the board that the board has not 1038  
issued an identification card ~~and, license to practice~~ 1039  
~~pharmacy, or any of its branches, or registration~~ to the person 1040  
specified in the statement, or that an identification card ~~and,~~ 1041  
license, or registration, if issued, has been revoked or 1042  
suspended, or the holder has been subjected to disciplinary 1043  
action by the board shall be received as prima-facie evidence of 1044  
the record of the board in any court or before any officer of 1045  
this state. 1046

**Sec. 4729.071.** (A) As used in this section, "license" and 1047  
"applicant for an initial license" have the same meanings as in 1048  
section 4776.01 of the Revised Code, except that "license" as 1049  
used in both of those terms refers to the types of 1050  
authorizations otherwise issued or conferred under this chapter. 1051

(B) In addition to any other eligibility requirement set 1052  
forth in this chapter, each applicant for an initial license 1053  
shall comply with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised 1054  
Code. The state board of pharmacy shall not grant a license to 1055  
an applicant for an initial license unless the applicant 1056  
complies with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code 1057  
and the board, in its discretion, decides that the results of 1058  
the criminal records check do not make the applicant ineligible 1059  
for a license issued pursuant to section 4729.08, 4729.09, 1060  
4729.11, ~~or~~ 4729.552, or 4729.553 of the Revised Code. 1061

**Sec. 4729.10.** The state board of pharmacy may adopt rules 1062  
under section 4729.26 of the Revised Code requiring a licensee 1063

or registrant under this chapter to report to the board a 1064  
violation of state or federal law, including any rule adopted 1065  
under this chapter. 1066

In the absence of fraud or bad faith, a person who reports 1067  
under this section or testifies in any adjudication conducted 1068  
under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code is not liable to any 1069  
person for damages in a civil action as a result of the report 1070  
or testimony. 1071

**Sec. 4729.16.** (A) (1) The state board of pharmacy, after 1072  
notice and hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 1073  
Revised Code, may ~~revoke,~~ impose any one or more of the 1074  
following sanctions on a pharmacist or pharmacy intern if the 1075  
board finds the individual engaged in any of the conduct set 1076  
forth in division (A) (2) of this section: 1077

(a) Revoke, suspend, restrict, limit, or refuse to grant 1078  
or renew a license; 1079

(b) Reprimand or place the license holder on probation, ~~or~~ 1080  
~~refuse to grant or renew an identification card, or may impose ;~~ 1081

(c) Impose a monetary penalty or forfeiture not to exceed 1082  
in severity any fine designated under the Revised Code for a 1083  
similar offense, or in the case of a violation of a section of 1084  
the Revised Code that does not bear a penalty, a monetary 1085  
penalty or forfeiture of not more than five hundred dollars~~;~~. 1086

(2) The board may impose the sanctions listed in division 1087  
(A) (1) of this section if the board finds a pharmacist or 1088  
pharmacy intern: 1089

~~(1) Guilty of a felony or gross immorality;~~ 1090

~~(2) Guilty of (a) Has been convicted of a felony, or a~~ 1091

crime of moral turpitude, as defined in section 4776.10 of the 1092  
Revised Code; 1093

(b) Engaged in dishonesty or unprofessional conduct in the 1094  
practice of pharmacy; 1095

~~(3) Addicted~~ (c) Is addicted to or abusing alcohol or 1096  
drugs or is impaired physically or mentally to such a degree as 1097  
to render the pharmacist or pharmacy intern unfit to practice 1098  
pharmacy; 1099

~~(4)~~ (d) Has been convicted of a misdemeanor related to, or 1100  
committed in, the practice of pharmacy; 1101

~~(5) Guilty of willfully violating, conspiring~~ (e) 1102  
Violated, conspired to violate, attempting attempted to violate, 1103  
or ~~aiding and abetting~~ aided and abetted the violation of any of 1104  
the provisions of this chapter, sections 3715.52 to 3715.72 of 1105  
the Revised Code, Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code, or 1106  
any rule adopted by the board under those provisions; 1107

~~(6) Guilty of permitting anyone~~ (f) Permitted someone 1108  
other than a pharmacist or pharmacy intern to practice pharmacy; 1109

~~(7) Guilty of knowingly lending~~ (g) Knowingly lent the 1110  
pharmacist's or pharmacy intern's name to an illegal 1111  
practitioner of pharmacy or ~~having had a~~ professional connection 1112  
with an illegal practitioner of pharmacy; 1113

~~(8) Guilty of dividing~~ (h) Divided or agreeing agreed to 1114  
divide remuneration made in the practice of pharmacy with any 1115  
other individual, including, but not limited to, any licensed 1116  
health professional authorized to prescribe drugs or any owner, 1117  
manager, or employee of a health care facility, residential care 1118  
facility, or nursing home; 1119

~~(9) Has violated~~ (i) Violated the terms of a consult 1120  
agreement entered into pursuant to section 4729.39 of the 1121  
Revised Code; 1122

~~(10) Has committed~~ (j) Committed fraud, misrepresentation, 1123  
or deception in applying for or securing a license or 1124  
identification card issued by the board under this chapter or 1125  
under Chapter 3715. or 3719. of the Revised Code; 1126

(k) Failed to comply with an order of the board or a 1127  
settlement agreement; 1128

(l) Engaged in any other conduct for which the board may 1129  
impose discipline as set forth in rules adopted under section 1130  
4729.26 of the Revised Code. 1131

(B) Any individual whose identification card or license is 1132  
revoked, suspended, or refused, shall return the identification 1133  
card and license to the offices of the state board of pharmacy 1134  
within ten days after receipt of notice of such action. 1135

(C) As used in this section: 1136

"Unprofessional conduct in the practice of pharmacy" 1137  
includes any of the following: 1138

(1) Advertising or displaying signs that promote dangerous 1139  
drugs to the public in a manner that is false or misleading; 1140

(2) Except as provided in section 4729.281 or 4729.44 of 1141  
the Revised Code, the dispensing or sale of any drug for which a 1142  
prescription is required, without having received a prescription 1143  
for the drug; 1144

(3) Knowingly dispensing medication pursuant to false or 1145  
forged prescriptions; 1146

(4) Knowingly failing to maintain complete and accurate records of all dangerous drugs received or dispensed in compliance with federal laws and regulations and state laws and rules;

(5) Obtaining any remuneration by fraud, misrepresentation, or deception;

(6) Failing to conform to prevailing standards of care of similar pharmacists or pharmacy interns under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established;

(7) Engaging in any other conduct that the board specifies as unprofessional conduct in the practice of pharmacy in rules adopted under section 4729.26 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board may suspend a license or identification card under division (B) of section 3719.121 of the Revised Code by utilizing a telephone conference call to review the allegations and take a vote.

~~(E) If, pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, For purposes of this division, an individual authorized to practice as a pharmacist or pharmacy intern accepts the privilege of practicing in this state subject to supervision by the board. By filing an application for or holding a license to practice as a pharmacist or pharmacy intern, an individual gives consent to submit to a mental or physical examination when ordered to do so by the board in writing and waives all objections to the admissibility of testimony or examination reports that constitute privileged communications.~~

If the board has reasonable cause to believe that an



individual who is a pharmacist or pharmacy intern is physically 1176  
or mentally impaired, the board may require the ~~pharmacist or~~ 1177  
~~pharmacy intern~~ individual to submit to a physical or mental 1178  
examination, or both. The expense of the examination is the 1179  
responsibility of the individual required to be examined. 1180

Failure of an individual who is a pharmacist or pharmacy 1181  
intern to submit to a physical or mental examination ordered by 1182  
the board, unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the 1183  
individual's control, constitutes an admission of the 1184  
allegations and a suspension order shall be entered without the 1185  
taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. Any subsequent 1186  
adjudication hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 1187  
concerning failure to submit to an examination is limited to 1188  
consideration of whether the failure was beyond the individual's 1189  
control. 1190

If, based on the results of an examination ordered under 1191  
this division, the board determines that the individual's 1192  
ability to practice is impaired, the board shall suspend the 1193  
individual's license or deny the individual's application and 1194  
shall require the individual, as a condition for an initial, 1195  
continued, reinstated, or renewed license to practice, to submit 1196  
to a physical or mental examination and treatment. 1197

An order of suspension issued under this division shall 1198  
not be subject to suspension by a court during pendency of any 1199  
appeal filed under section 119.12 of the Revised Code. 1200

(F) If the board is required under Chapter 119. of the 1201  
Revised Code to give notice of an opportunity for a hearing and 1202  
the applicant or licensee does not make a timely request for a 1203  
hearing in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, 1204  
the board is not required to hold a hearing, but may adopt a 1205

final order that contains the board's findings. In the final 1206  
order, the board may impose any of the sanctions listed in 1207  
division (A) of this section. 1208

(G) Notwithstanding the provision of division (C) (2) of 1209  
section 2953.32 of the Revised Code specifying that if records 1210  
pertaining to a criminal case are sealed under that section the 1211  
proceedings in the case must be deemed not to have occurred, 1212  
sealing of the following records on which the board has based an 1213  
action under this section shall have no effect on the board's 1214  
action or any sanction imposed by the board under this section: 1215  
records of any conviction, guilty plea, judicial finding of 1216  
guilt resulting from a plea of no contest, or a judicial finding 1217  
of eligibility for a pretrial diversion program or intervention 1218  
in lieu of conviction. The board shall not be required to seal, 1219  
destroy, redact, or otherwise modify its records to reflect the 1220  
court's sealing of conviction records. 1221

(H) No pharmacist or pharmacy intern shall knowingly 1222  
engage in any conduct described in divisions (A) (2) (b) or (A) (2) 1223  
(e) to (l) of this section. 1224

**Sec. 4729.18.** The state board of pharmacy shall adopt 1225  
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 1226  
establishing standards for approving and designating physicians 1227  
and facilities as treatment providers for pharmacists with 1228  
substance abuse problems and shall approve and designate 1229  
treatment providers in accordance with the rules. The rules 1230  
shall include standards for both inpatient and outpatient 1231  
treatment. The rules shall provide that to be approved, a 1232  
treatment provider must be capable of making an initial 1233  
examination to determine the type of treatment required for a 1234  
pharmacist with substance abuse problems. Subject to the rules, 1235

the board shall review and approve treatment providers on a 1236  
regular basis and may, at its discretion, withdraw or deny 1237  
approval. 1238

An approved treatment provider shall: 1239

(A) Report to the board the name of any pharmacist 1240  
suffering or showing evidence of suffering impairment by reason 1241  
of being addicted to or abusing alcohol or drugs as described in 1242  
division (A) ~~(3)~~ (2) (c) of section 4729.16 of the Revised Code who 1243  
fails to comply within one week with a referral for examination; 1244

(B) Report to the board the name of any impaired 1245  
pharmacist who fails to enter treatment within forty-eight hours 1246  
following the provider's determination that the pharmacist needs 1247  
treatment; 1248

(C) Require every pharmacist who enters treatment to agree 1249  
to a treatment contract establishing the terms of treatment and 1250  
aftercare, including any required supervision or restrictions of 1251  
practice during treatment or aftercare; 1252

(D) Require a pharmacist to suspend practice on entering 1253  
any required inpatient treatment; 1254

(E) Report to the board any failure by an impaired 1255  
pharmacist to comply with the terms of the treatment contract 1256  
during inpatient or outpatient treatment or aftercare; 1257

(F) Report to the board the resumption of practice of any 1258  
impaired pharmacist before the treatment provider has made a 1259  
clear determination that the pharmacist is capable of practicing 1260  
according to acceptable and prevailing standards; 1261

(G) Require a pharmacist who resumes practice after 1262  
completion of treatment to comply with an aftercare contract 1263

that meets the requirements of rules adopted by the board for 1264  
approval of treatment providers; 1265

(H) Report to the board any pharmacist who suffers a 1266  
relapse at any time during or following aftercare. 1267

Any pharmacist who enters into treatment by an approved 1268  
treatment provider shall be deemed to have waived any 1269  
confidentiality requirements that would otherwise prevent the 1270  
treatment provider from making reports required under this 1271  
section. 1272

In the absence of fraud or bad faith, no professional 1273  
association of pharmacists licensed under this chapter that 1274  
sponsors a committee or program to provide peer assistance to 1275  
pharmacists with substance abuse problems, no representative or 1276  
agent of such a committee or program, and no member of the state 1277  
board of pharmacy shall be liable to any person for damages in a 1278  
civil action by reason of actions taken to refer a pharmacist to 1279  
a treatment provider designated by the board or actions or 1280  
omissions of the provider in treating a pharmacist. 1281

In the absence of fraud or bad faith, no person who 1282  
reports to the board a pharmacist with a suspected substance 1283  
abuse problem shall be liable to any person for damages in a 1284  
civil action as a result of the report. 1285

**Sec. 4729.19.** Notwithstanding division (B) (4) of section 1286  
2317.02 of the Revised Code, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, 1287  
pharmacy technician trainee, registered pharmacy technician, 1288  
certified pharmacy technician, licensed terminal distributor of 1289  
dangerous drugs, or registered wholesale distributor of 1290  
dangerous drugs shall cooperate with federal, state, and local 1291  
government investigations and shall divulge all relevant 1292

information when requested by a government agency. 1293

**Sec. 4729.38.** (A) Unless instructed otherwise by the 1294  
person receiving the drug pursuant to the prescription, a 1295  
pharmacist filling a prescription for a drug prescribed by its 1296  
brand name may select a generically equivalent drug, as defined 1297  
in section 3715.01 of the Revised Code, subject to the following 1298  
conditions: 1299

(1) The pharmacist shall not select a generically 1300  
equivalent drug if the prescriber handwrites "dispense as 1301  
written," or "D.A.W.," on the written prescription, or, when 1302  
ordering a prescription electronically or orally, the prescriber 1303  
specifies that the prescribed drug is medically necessary. These 1304  
designations shall not be preprinted or stamped on the 1305  
prescription. Division (A)(1) of this section does not preclude 1306  
a reminder of the procedure required to prohibit the selection 1307  
of a generically equivalent drug from being preprinted on the 1308  
prescription. 1309

(2) The pharmacist shall not select a generically 1310  
equivalent drug unless its price to the patient is less than or 1311  
equal to the price of the prescribed drug. 1312

(3) The pharmacist, or the pharmacist's agent, assistant, 1313  
or employee shall inform the patient or the patient's agent if a 1314  
generically equivalent drug is available at a lower or equal 1315  
cost, and of the person's right to refuse the drug selected. 1316  
Division (A)(3) of this section does not apply to any: 1317

(a) Prescription that is billed to any agency, division, 1318  
or department of this state which will reimburse the pharmacy; 1319

(b) Prescriptions for patients of a hospital, nursing 1320  
home, or similar patient care facility. 1321

(B) Unless the prescriber instructs otherwise, the label 1322  
for every drug dispensed shall include the drug's brand name, if 1323  
any, or its generic name and the name of the distributor, using 1324  
abbreviations if necessary. When dispensing at retail a 1325  
generically equivalent drug for the brand name drug prescribed, 1326  
the pharmacist shall indicate on the drug's label or container 1327  
that a generic substitution was made. The labeling requirements 1328  
established by this division are in addition to all other 1329  
labeling requirements of Chapter 3715. of the Revised Code. 1330

(C) A pharmacist who selects a generically equivalent drug 1331  
pursuant to this section assumes no greater liability for 1332  
selecting the dispensed drug than would be incurred in filling a 1333  
prescription for a drug prescribed by its brand name. 1334

(D) The failure of a prescriber to restrict a prescription 1335  
by specifying "dispense as written," or "D.A.W.," pursuant to 1336  
division (A) (1) of this section shall not constitute evidence of 1337  
the prescriber's negligence unless the prescriber had reasonable 1338  
cause to believe that the health condition of the patient for 1339  
whom the drug was intended warranted the prescription of a 1340  
specific brand name drug and no other. No prescriber shall be 1341  
liable for civil damages or in any criminal prosecution arising 1342  
from the interchange of a generically equivalent drug for a 1343  
prescribed brand name drug by a pharmacist, unless the 1344  
prescribed brand name drug would have reasonably caused the same 1345  
loss, damage, injury, or death. 1346

(E) No pharmacist shall knowingly engage in conduct that 1347  
is prohibited by division (A) or (B) of this section. 1348

Sec. 4729.40. (A) (1) (a) The state board of pharmacy may 1349  
designate one or more attorneys at law who have been admitted to 1350  
the practice of law, and who are classified as either 1351

administrative law attorney examiners or as administrative law 1352  
attorney examiner administrators under the state job 1353  
classification plan adopted under section 124.14 of the Revised 1354  
Code, as hearing examiners, subject to Chapter 119. of the 1355  
Revised Code, to conduct any hearing the board is empowered to 1356  
hold or undertake pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1357

(b) Notwithstanding the requirement of division (A) (1) (a) 1358  
of this section that the board designate as a hearing examiner 1359  
an attorney who is classified as either an administrative law 1360  
attorney examiner or an administrative law attorney examiner 1361  
administrator, the board may, subject to section 127.16 of the 1362  
Revised Code, enter into a personal service contract with an 1363  
attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state to serve 1364  
as a hearing examiner. 1365

(2) The hearing examiner shall hear and consider the oral 1366  
and documented evidence introduced by the parties and issue in 1367  
writing proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the 1368  
board for their consideration within thirty days following the 1369  
close of the hearing. 1370

(B) The board shall be given copies of the transcript of 1371  
the hearing record and all exhibits and documents presented by 1372  
the parties at the hearing. 1373

(C) The board shall render a decision and take action 1374  
within ninety days following the receipt of the hearing 1375  
examiner's proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. 1376

(D) The final decision of the board in any hearing shall 1377  
be in writing and contain findings of fact and conclusions of 1378  
law. Copies of the decision shall be delivered to the parties 1379  
personally or by certified mail. The decision is final on 1380

delivery or mailing, but may be appealed as provided by Chapter 1381  
119. of the Revised Code. 1382

Sec. 4729.45. (A) As used in this section, "opioid 1383  
analgesic" has the same meaning as in section 3719.01 of the 1384  
Revised Code. 1385

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, 1386  
both of the following apply with respect to a prescription for 1387  
an opioid analgesic to be used by an individual on an outpatient 1388  
basis: 1389

(1) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or terminal distributor 1390  
of dangerous drugs shall not dispense or sell the opioid 1391  
analgesic in an amount that exceeds a ninety-day supply, as 1392  
determined according to the prescription's directions for use of 1393  
the drug, regardless of whether the prescription was issued for 1394  
a greater amount. 1395

(2) If the prescription indicates the earliest date on 1396  
which the prescription may be filled, a pharmacist, pharmacy 1397  
intern, or terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall not 1398  
dispense or sell the opioid analgesic if more than fourteen days 1399  
have elapsed since that date. Otherwise, a pharmacist, pharmacy 1400  
intern, or terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall not 1401  
dispense or sell the opioid analgesic if more than fourteen days 1402  
have elapsed since the prescription was issued. 1403

(C) Division (B) of this section does not apply when a 1404  
pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or terminal distributor of 1405  
dangerous drugs dispenses or sells an opioid analgesic to be 1406  
delivered outside of this state by mail, parcel post, or common 1407  
carrier to a patient who resides outside of this state. 1408

(D) The state board of pharmacy may adopt rules 1409



establishing additional limitations on the authority of a 1410  
pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or terminal distributor of 1411  
dangerous drugs to dispense or sell an opioid analgesic. The 1412  
rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 1413  
Revised Code. 1414

**Sec. 4729.51.** (A) ~~(1) Except as provided in division (A) (2)~~ 1415  
~~of this section, no~~ No person other than a registered wholesale 1416  
distributor of dangerous drugs shall possess for sale, sell, 1417  
distribute, or deliver, at wholesale, dangerous drugs, except as 1418  
follows: 1419

~~(a) (1) A pharmacist who is a licensed terminal~~ 1420  
~~distributor of dangerous drugs or who is employed by a licensed~~ 1421  
~~terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that is a pharmacy may~~ 1422  
make occasional sales of dangerous drugs at wholesale. 1423

~~(b) (2) A licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs~~ 1424  
having more than one ~~establishment or place~~ licensed location 1425  
may transfer or deliver dangerous drugs from one ~~establishment~~ 1426  
~~or place for which a license has been issued to the terminal~~ 1427  
~~distributor licensed location~~ licensed location to another ~~establishment or place~~ 1428  
~~for which a license has been issued to the terminal distributor~~ 1429  
licensed location owned by that terminal distributor if the 1430  
license issued for each ~~establishment or place~~ location is in 1431  
effect at the time of the transfer or delivery. 1432

~~(c) (3) A licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs~~ 1433  
that is not a pharmacy may make occasional sales of naloxone at 1434  
wholesale ~~to a state or local law enforcement agency if the~~ 1435  
~~terminal distributor is any of the following:~~ 1436

~~(i) A board of health of a city or general health~~ 1437  
~~district;~~ 1438

<del>(ii) An authority having the duties of a board of health</del>	1439
<del>under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code;</del>	1440
<del>(iii) A health department operated by such a board or</del>	1441
<del>authority.</del>	1442
<del>(2) A manufacturer of dangerous drugs may donate inhalers,</del>	1443
<del>as defined in section 3313.7113 of the Revised Code, and</del>	1444
<del>epinephrine autoinjectors to any of the following:</del>	1445
<del>(a) The board of education of a city, local, exempted</del>	1446
<del>village, or joint vocational school district;</del>	1447
<del>(b) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of</del>	1448
<del>the Revised Code;</del>	1449
<del>(c) A STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the</del>	1450
<del>Revised Code;</del>	1451
<del>(d) A college preparatory boarding school established</del>	1452
<del>under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;</del>	1453
<del>(e) A chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school.</del>	1454
(B) <del>(1)</del> No registered wholesale distributor of dangerous	1455
drugs shall possess for sale, <del>or</del> sell, <u>or distribute,</u> at	1456
wholesale, dangerous drugs to any person other than the	1457
following:	1458
<del>(a) Except as provided in division (B) (2) (a) of this</del>	1459
<del>section and division (B) of section 4729.541 of the Revised</del>	1460
<del>Code, a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe</del>	1461
<del>drugs;</del>	1462
<del>(b) An optometrist licensed under Chapter 4725. of the</del>	1463
<del>Revised Code who holds a topical ocular pharmaceutical agents</del>	1464
<del>certificate;</del>	1465

- ~~(e)~~ (1) Subject to division (D) of this section, a licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs; 1466  
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- (2) Subject to division (C) of this section, any person exempt from licensure as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs under section 4729.541 of the Revised Code; 1468  
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- (3) A registered wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs; 1471
- ~~(d) A manufacturer of dangerous drugs;~~ 1472
- ~~(e) Subject to division (B) (3) of this section, a licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs;~~ 1473  
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- ~~(f) Carriers or warehouses for the purpose of carriage or storage;~~ 1475  
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- ~~(g) Terminal~~ (4) A terminal or wholesale distributors distributor of dangerous drugs who are that is located in another state, is not engaged in the sale of dangerous drugs within this state, and is actively licensed to engage in the sale of dangerous drugs by the state in which the distributor conducts business. 1477  
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- ~~(h) An individual who holds a current license, certificate, or registration issued under Title XLVII of the Revised Code and has been certified to conduct diabetes education by a national certifying body specified in rules adopted by the state board of pharmacy under section 4729.68 of the Revised Code, but only with respect to insulin that will be used for the purpose of diabetes education and only if diabetes education is within the individual's scope of practice under statutes and rules regulating the individual's profession;~~ 1483  
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- ~~(i) An individual who holds a valid certificate issued by a nationally recognized S.C.U.B.A. diving certifying~~ 1492  
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~~organization approved by the state board of pharmacy in rule, 1494  
but only with respect to medical oxygen that will be used for 1495  
the purpose of emergency care or treatment at the scene of a 1496  
diving emergency; 1497~~

~~(j) Except as provided in division (B) (2) (b) of this 1498  
section and division (A) of section 4729.541 of the Revised 1499  
Code, a business entity that is a corporation formed under 1500  
division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code, a limited 1501  
liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised 1502  
Code, or a professional association formed under Chapter 1785. 1503  
of the Revised Code if the entity has a sole shareholder who is 1504  
a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs and 1505  
is authorized to provide the professional services being offered 1506  
by the entity; 1507~~

~~(k) Except as provided in division (B) (2) (c) of this 1508  
section and division (A) of section 4729.541 of the Revised 1509  
Code, a business entity that is a corporation formed under 1510  
division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code, a limited 1511  
liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised 1512  
Code, a partnership or a limited liability partnership formed 1513  
under Chapter 1775. of the Revised Code, or a professional 1514  
association formed under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if, 1515  
to be a shareholder, member, or partner, an individual is 1516  
required to be licensed, certified, or otherwise legally 1517  
authorized under Title XLVII of the Revised Code to perform the 1518  
professional service provided by the entity and each such 1519  
individual is a licensed health professional authorized to 1520  
prescribe drugs; 1521~~

~~(l) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be 1522  
possessed under section 3313.7110, 3313.7111, 3314.143, 3326.28, 1523~~

~~or 3328.29 of the Revised Code, any of the following: the board- 1524~~  
~~of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint- 1525~~  
~~vocational school district; a chartered or nonchartered- 1526~~  
~~nonpublic school; a community school established under Chapter- 1527~~  
~~3314. of the Revised Code; a STEM school established under 1528~~  
~~Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code; or a college preparatory- 1529~~  
~~boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised- 1530~~  
~~Code;— 1531~~

~~(m) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be 1532~~  
~~possessed under section 5101.76 of the Revised Code, any of the 1533~~  
~~following: a residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of 1534~~  
~~the Revised Code; a child day camp, as defined in section 1535~~  
~~5104.01 of the Revised Code; or a child day camp operated by any 1536~~  
~~county, township, municipal corporation, township park district- 1537~~  
~~created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district- 1538~~  
~~created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint- 1539~~  
~~recreation district established under section 755.14 of the 1540~~  
~~Revised Code;— 1541~~

~~(n) With respect to naloxone that may be possessed under 1542~~  
~~section 2925.61 of the Revised Code, a law enforcement agency- 1543~~  
~~and its peace officers;— 1544~~

~~(o) With respect to inhalers that may be possessed under 1545~~  
~~section 3313.7113, 3313.7114, 3314.144, 3326.30, or 3328.30 of 1546~~  
~~the Revised Code, any of the following: the board of education- 1547~~  
~~of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school- 1548~~  
~~district; a chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school; a 1549~~  
~~community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised- 1550~~  
~~Code; a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the 1551~~  
~~Revised Code; or a college preparatory boarding school- 1552~~  
~~established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;— 1553~~

~~(p) With respect to inhalers that may be possessed under section 5101.77 of the Revised Code, any of the following: a residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code; a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code; or a child day camp operated by any county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(2)(C) No registered wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs shall possess for sale, ~~or sell,~~ or distribute, at wholesale, dangerous drugs to ~~any~~ either of the following:~~

~~(a)(1) A prescriber who is employed by a pain management clinic that is not licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a pain management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(b) A business entity described in division (B)(1)(j) of this section that is, or is operating, a pain management clinic without a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a pain management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(c) A business entity described in division (B)(1)(k) of this section that is, or is operating, a pain management clinic without a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a pain management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code.~~  
(2) A prescriber who is employed by an office-based opioid treatment facility pursuant to section 4729.553 of the Revised Code.

~~(3)(D) No registered wholesale distributor of dangerous~~

drugs shall possess dangerous drugs for sale at wholesale, or 1583  
sell or distribute such drugs at wholesale, to a licensed 1584  
terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, except as follows: 1585

~~(a)~~ (1) In the case of a terminal distributor with a 1586  
category I license, only dangerous drugs described in category 1587  
I, as defined in division (A) (1) of section 4729.54 of the 1588  
Revised Code; 1589

~~(b)~~ (2) In the case of a terminal distributor with a 1590  
category II license, only dangerous drugs described in category 1591  
I and category II, as defined in divisions (A) (1) and (2) of 1592  
section 4729.54 of the Revised Code; 1593

~~(c)~~ (3) In the case of a terminal distributor with a 1594  
category III license, dangerous drugs described in category I, 1595  
category II, and category III, as defined in divisions (A) (1), 1596  
(2), and (3) of section 4729.54 of the Revised Code; 1597

~~(d)~~ (4) In the case of a terminal distributor with a 1598  
limited category I, II, or III license, only the dangerous drugs 1599  
specified in the certificate furnished by the terminal 1600  
distributor in accordance with section 4729.60 of the Revised 1601  
Code. 1602

~~(C)~~ (E) (1) Except as provided in division ~~(C) (4)~~ (E) (2) of 1603  
this section, no person shall ~~sell~~ do any of the following: 1604

(a) Sell or distribute, at retail, dangerous drugs- 1605

~~(2) Except as provided in division (C) (4) of this section,~~ 1606  
~~no person shall possess-;~~ 1607

(b) Possess for sale, at retail, dangerous drugs- 1608

~~(3) Except as provided in division (C) (4) of this section,~~ 1609  
~~no person shall possess-;~~ 1610

(c) Possess dangerous drugs. 1611

~~(4) Divisions (C) (1), (2), and (3)~~ (2) (a) Divisions (E) (1) 1612  
(a), (b), and (c) of this section do not apply to a registered 1613  
~~wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs or a~~ any of the 1614  
following: 1615

(i) A licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs; 1616

~~Divisions (C) (1), (2), and (3) of this section do not~~ 1617  
~~apply to a~~ (ii) A person who possesses, or possesses for sale or 1618  
sells, at retail, a dangerous drug in accordance with Chapters 1619  
3719., 4715., 4723., 4725., 4729., 4730., 4731., and 4741. of 1620  
the Revised Code; 1621

(iii) Any of the persons identified in divisions (A) (1) to 1622  
(5) and (12) of section 4729.541 of the Revised Code, but only 1623  
to the extent specified in that section. 1624

~~Divisions (C) (1), (2), and (3) of this section do not~~ 1625  
~~apply to an individual who holds a current license, certificate,~~ 1626  
~~or registration issued under Title XLVII of the Revised Code and~~ 1627  
~~has been certified to conduct diabetes education by a national~~ 1628  
~~certifying body specified in rules adopted by the state board of~~ 1629  
~~pharmacy under section 4729.68 of the Revised Code, but only to~~ 1630  
~~the extent that the individual possesses insulin or personally~~ 1631  
~~supplies insulin solely for the purpose of diabetes education~~ 1632  
~~and only if diabetes education is within the individual's scope~~ 1633  
~~of practice under statutes and rules regulating the individual's~~ 1634  
~~profession.~~ 1635

~~Divisions (C) (1), (2), and (3) of this section do not~~ 1636  
~~apply to an individual who holds a valid certificate issued by a~~ 1637  
~~nationally recognized S.C.U.B.A. diving certifying organization~~ 1638  
~~approved by the state board of pharmacy in rule, but only to the~~ 1639



~~extent that the individual possesses medical oxygen or 1640  
personally supplies medical oxygen for the purpose of emergency 1641  
care or treatment at the scene of a diving emergency. 1642~~

~~Division (C) (3) of this section does not apply to the 1643  
board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint 1644  
vocational school district, a school building operated by a 1645  
school district board of education, a chartered or nonchartered 1646  
nonpublic school, a community school, a STEM school, or a 1647  
college preparatory boarding school for the purpose of 1648  
possessing epinephrine autoinjectors under section 3313.7110, 1649  
3313.7111, 3314.143, 3326.28, or 3328.29 of the Revised Code and 1650  
for the purpose of possessing inhalers under section 3313.7113, 1651  
3313.7114, 3314.144, 3326.30, or 3328.30 of the Revised Code. 1652~~

~~Division (C) (3) of this section does not apply to a 1653  
residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised 1654  
Code, a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the 1655  
Revised Code, or a child day camp operated by any county, 1656  
township, municipal corporation, township park district created 1657  
under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created 1658  
under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation 1659  
district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code 1660  
for the purpose of possessing epinephrine autoinjectors under 1661  
section 5101.76 of the Revised Code and for the purpose of 1662  
possessing inhalers under section 5101.77 of the Revised Code. 1663~~

~~Division (C) (3) of this section does not apply to a law 1664  
enforcement agency or the agency's peace officers if the agency 1665  
or officers possess naloxone for administration to individuals 1666  
who are apparently experiencing opioid-related overdoses (b) 1667~~  
Division (E) (1) (c) of this section does not apply to any of the 1668  
following: 1669

(i) A registered wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs; 1670

(ii) Any of the persons identified in divisions (A) (6) to 1671  
(11) of section 4729.541 of the Revised Code, but only to the 1672  
extent specified in that section. 1673

~~(D)~~ (F) No licensed terminal distributor of dangerous 1674  
drugs or a person that is exempt from licensure under section 1675  
4729.541 of the Revised Code shall purchase for the purpose of 1676  
~~resale~~ dangerous drugs from any person other than a registered 1677  
wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs, except as follows: 1678

(1) A licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs or 1679  
a person that is exempt from licensure under section 4729.541 of 1680  
the Revised Code may make occasional purchases of dangerous 1681  
drugs ~~for resale from a pharmacist who is a licensed terminal~~ 1682  
~~distributor of dangerous drugs or who is employed by a licensed~~ 1683  
~~terminal distributor of dangerous drugs;~~ that are sold in 1684  
accordance with division (A) (1) or (3) of this section. 1685

(2) A licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs 1686  
having more than one ~~establishment or place~~ licensed location 1687  
may transfer or ~~receive~~ deliver dangerous drugs from one 1688  
~~establishment or place for which a license has been issued to~~ 1689  
~~the terminal distributor~~ licensed location to another 1690  
~~establishment or place for which a license has been issued to~~ 1691  
~~the terminal distributor~~ licensed location if the license issued 1692  
for each ~~establishment or place~~ location is in effect at the 1693  
time of the transfer or ~~receipt~~ delivery. 1694

~~(E)~~ (G) No licensed terminal distributor of dangerous 1695  
drugs shall engage in the retail sale or other distribution of 1696  
dangerous drugs ~~at retail~~ or maintain possession, custody, or 1697  
control of dangerous drugs for any purpose other than the 1698

distributor's personal use or consumption, at any establishment 1699  
or place other than that or those described in the license 1700  
issued by the state board of pharmacy to such terminal 1701  
distributor. 1702

~~(F)~~ (H) Nothing in this section shall be construed to 1703  
interfere with the performance of official duties by any law 1704  
enforcement official authorized by municipal, county, state, or 1705  
federal law to collect samples of any drug, regardless of its 1706  
nature or in whose possession it may be. 1707

~~(G)~~ (I) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this 1708  
section, the board of education of a city, local, exempted 1709  
village, or joint vocational school district may ~~deliver~~ 1710  
distribute epinephrine autoinjectors ~~to a school under its~~ 1711  
~~control for the purpose of possessing the epinephrine~~ 1712  
~~autoinjectors under~~ for use in accordance with section 3313.7110 1713  
of the Revised Code and may ~~deliver~~ distribute inhalers ~~to a~~ 1714  
~~school under its control for the purpose of possessing the~~ 1715  
~~inhalers under~~ for use in accordance with section 3313.7113 of 1716  
the Revised Code. 1717

Sec. 4729.513. A manufacturer of dangerous drugs may 1718  
donate inhalers, as defined in section 3313.7113 of the Revised 1719  
Code, and epinephrine autoinjectors to any of the following: 1720

(A) The board of education of a city, local, exempted 1721  
village, or joint vocational school district; 1722

(B) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of 1723  
the Revised Code; 1724

(C) A STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the 1725  
Revised Code; 1726

(D) A college-preparatory boarding school established 1727

under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code; 1728

(E) A chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school. 1729

**Sec. 4729.514.** (A) As used in this section, "service 1730  
entity" means a public or private entity that provides services 1731  
to individuals who there is reason to believe may be at risk of 1732  
experiencing an opioid-related overdose. "Service entity" 1733  
includes a college or university, school, local health 1734  
department, community addiction services provider, court, 1735  
probation department, halfway house, prison, jail, community 1736  
residential center, homeless shelter, or similar entity. 1737

(B) A service entity may procure naloxone for use in 1738  
emergency situations. 1739

(C) A service entity or an employee, volunteer, or 1740  
contractor of a service entity is not liable for or subject to 1741  
any of the following for injury, death, or loss to person or 1742  
property that allegedly arises from an act or omission 1743  
associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using 1744  
naloxone under this section, unless the act or omission 1745  
constitutes willful or wanton misconduct: damages in any civil 1746  
action, prosecution in any criminal proceeding, or professional 1747  
disciplinary action. 1748

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any 1749  
other immunity or defense that a service entity or an employee, 1750  
volunteer, or contractor of a service entity may be entitled to 1751  
under Chapter 2305. or any other provision of the Revised Code 1752  
or under the common law of this state. 1753

**Sec. 4729.54.** (A) As used in this section: 1754

(1) "Category I" means single-dose injections of 1755  
intravenous fluids, including saline, Ringer's lactate, five per 1756

cent dextrose and distilled water, and other intravenous fluids 1757  
or parenteral solutions included in this category by rule of the 1758  
state board of pharmacy, that have a volume of one hundred 1759  
milliliters or more and that contain no added substances, or 1760  
single-dose injections of epinephrine to be administered 1761  
pursuant to sections 4765.38 and 4765.39 of the Revised Code. 1762

(2) "Category II" means any dangerous drug that is not 1763  
included in category I or III. 1764

(3) "Category III" means any controlled substance that is 1765  
contained in schedule I, II, III, IV, or V. 1766

(4) "Emergency medical service organization" has the same 1767  
meaning as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code. 1768

(5) "Person" includes an emergency medical service 1769  
organization. 1770

(6) "Schedule I, schedule II, schedule III, schedule IV,  
and schedule V" mean controlled substance schedules I, II, III,  
IV, and V, respectively, as established pursuant to section 1771  
3719.41 of the Revised Code and as amended. 1772  
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(B) (1) A person who desires to be licensed as a terminal 1775  
distributor of dangerous drugs shall file with the executive 1776  
director of the state board of pharmacy a verified application. 1777  
After it is filed, the application may not be withdrawn without 1778  
approval of the board. 1779

(2) An application shall contain all the following that 1780  
apply in the applicant's case: 1781

(a) Information that the board requires relative to the 1782  
qualifications of a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs set 1783  
forth in section 4729.55 of the Revised Code; 1784

(b) A statement that the person wishes to be licensed as a 1785  
category I, category II, category III, limited category I, 1786  
limited category II, or limited category III terminal 1787  
distributor of dangerous drugs; 1788

(c) If the person wishes to be licensed as a limited 1789  
category I, limited category II, or limited category III 1790  
terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, a notarized list of the 1791  
dangerous drugs that the person wishes to possess, have custody 1792  
or control of, and distribute, which list shall also specify the 1793  
purpose for which those drugs will be used and their source; 1794

(d) If the person is an emergency medical service 1795  
organization, the information that is specified in division (C) 1796  
(1) of this section; 1797

(e) Except for an emergency medical service organization, 1798  
the identity of the one establishment or place at which the 1799  
person intends to engage in the sale or other distribution of 1800  
dangerous drugs at retail, and maintain possession, custody, or 1801  
control of dangerous drugs for purposes other than the person's 1802  
own use or consumption; 1803

(f) If the application pertains to a pain management 1804  
clinic, information that demonstrates, to the satisfaction of 1805  
the board, compliance with division (A) of section 4729.552 of 1806  
the Revised Code; 1807

(g) If the application pertains to a facility, clinic, or 1808  
other location described in division (B) of section 4729.553 of 1809  
the Revised Code that must hold a category III terminal 1810  
distributor of dangerous drugs license with an office-based 1811  
opioid treatment classification, information that demonstrates, 1812  
to the satisfaction of the board, compliance with division (C) 1813

of that section. 1814

(C) (1) An emergency medical service organization that 1815  
wishes to be licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous 1816  
drugs shall list in its application for licensure the following 1817  
additional information: 1818

(a) The units under its control that the organization 1819  
determines will possess dangerous drugs for the purpose of 1820  
administering emergency medical services in accordance with 1821  
Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code; 1822

(b) With respect to each such unit, whether the dangerous 1823  
drugs that the organization determines the unit will possess are 1824  
in category I, II, or III. 1825

(2) An emergency medical service organization that is 1826  
licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall file 1827  
a new application for such licensure if there is any change in 1828  
the number, or location of, any of its units or any change in 1829  
the category of the dangerous drugs that any unit will possess. 1830

(3) A unit listed in an application for licensure pursuant 1831  
to division (C) (1) of this section may obtain the dangerous 1832  
drugs it is authorized to possess from its emergency medical 1833  
service organization or, on a replacement basis, from a hospital 1834  
pharmacy. If units will obtain dangerous drugs from a hospital 1835  
pharmacy, the organization shall file, and maintain in current 1836  
form, the following items with the pharmacist who is responsible 1837  
for the hospital's terminal distributor of dangerous drugs 1838  
license: 1839

(a) A copy of its standing orders or protocol; 1840

(b) A list of the personnel employed or used by the 1841  
organization to provide emergency medical services in accordance 1842

with Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code, who are authorized to 1843  
possess the drugs, which list also shall indicate the personnel 1844  
who are authorized to administer the drugs. 1845

(D) Each emergency medical service organization that 1846  
applies for a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license 1847  
shall submit with its application the following: 1848

(1) A notarized copy of its standing orders or protocol, 1849  
which orders or protocol shall be signed by a physician and 1850  
specify the dangerous drugs that its units may carry, expressed 1851  
in standard dose units; 1852

(2) A list of the personnel employed or used by the 1853  
organization to provide emergency medical services in accordance 1854  
with Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code. 1855

An emergency medical service organization that is licensed 1856  
as a terminal distributor shall notify the board immediately of 1857  
any changes in its standing orders or protocol. 1858

(E) There shall be six categories of terminal distributor 1859  
of dangerous drugs licenses, which categories shall be as 1860  
follows: 1861

(1) Category I license. A person who obtains this license 1862  
may possess, have custody or control of, and distribute only the 1863  
dangerous drugs described in category I. 1864

(2) Limited category I license. A person who obtains this 1865  
license may possess, have custody or control of, and distribute 1866  
only the dangerous drugs described in category I that were 1867  
listed in the application for licensure. 1868

(3) Category II license. A person who obtains this license 1869  
may possess, have custody or control of, and distribute only the 1870



dangerous drugs described in category I and category II. 1871

(4) Limited category II license. A person who obtains this 1872  
license may possess, have custody or control of, and distribute 1873  
only the dangerous drugs described in category I or category II 1874  
that were listed in the application for licensure. 1875

(5) Category III license, which may include a pain 1876  
management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 1877  
of the Revised Code. A person who obtains this license may 1878  
possess, have custody or control of, and distribute the 1879  
dangerous drugs described in category I, category II, and 1880  
category III. If the license includes a pain management clinic 1881  
classification, the person may operate a pain management clinic. 1882

(6) Limited category III license. A person who obtains 1883  
this license may possess, have custody or control of, and 1884  
distribute only the dangerous drugs described in category I, 1885  
category II, or category III that were listed in the application 1886  
for licensure. 1887

(F) Except for an application made on behalf of an animal 1888  
shelter, if an applicant for licensure as a limited category I, 1889  
II, or III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs intends to 1890  
administer dangerous drugs to a person or animal, the applicant 1891  
shall submit, with the application, a notarized copy of its 1892  
protocol or standing orders, which protocol or orders shall be 1893  
signed by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe 1894  
drugs, specify the dangerous drugs to be administered, and list 1895  
personnel who are authorized to administer the dangerous drugs 1896  
in accordance with federal law or the law of this state. An 1897  
application made on behalf of an animal shelter shall include a 1898  
notarized list of the dangerous drugs to be administered to 1899  
animals and the personnel who are authorized to administer the 1900

drugs to animals in accordance with section 4729.532 of the Revised Code. After obtaining a terminal distributor license, a licensee shall notify the board immediately of any changes in its protocol or standing orders, or in such personnel.

(G) (1) Except as provided in division (G) (2) of this section, each applicant for licensure as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall submit, with the application, a license fee determined as follows:

(a) For a category I or limited category I license, forty-five dollars;

(b) For a category II or limited category II license, one hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents;

(c) For a category III license, including a license with a pain management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code, or a limited category III license, one hundred fifty dollars.

(2) (a) Except as provided in division (G) (2) (b) of this section, for a person who is required to hold a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs pursuant to division (D) of section 4729.541 of the Revised Code, the fee shall be sixty dollars.

(b) For a professional association, corporation, partnership, or limited liability company organized for the purpose of practicing veterinary medicine, the fee shall be forty dollars.

(3) Fees assessed under divisions (G) (1) and (2) of this section shall not be returned if the applicant fails to qualify for registration.

(H) (1) The board shall issue a terminal distributor of 1929  
dangerous drugs license to each person who submits an 1930  
application for such licensure in accordance with this section, 1931  
pays the required license fee, is determined by the board to 1932  
meet the requirements set forth in section 4729.55 of the 1933  
Revised Code, and satisfies any other applicable requirements of 1934  
this section. 1935

(2) The license of a person other than an emergency 1936  
medical service organization shall describe the one 1937  
establishment or place at which the licensee may engage in the 1938  
sale or other distribution of dangerous drugs at retail and 1939  
maintain possession, custody, or control of dangerous drugs for 1940  
purposes other than the licensee's own use or consumption. The 1941  
one establishment or place shall be that which is described in 1942  
the application for licensure. 1943

No such license shall authorize or permit the terminal 1944  
distributor of dangerous drugs named in it to engage in the sale 1945  
or other distribution of dangerous drugs at retail or to 1946  
maintain possession, custody, or control of dangerous drugs for 1947  
any purpose other than the distributor's own use or consumption, 1948  
at any establishment or place other than that described in the 1949  
license, except that an agent or employee of an animal shelter 1950  
may possess and use dangerous drugs in the course of business as 1951  
provided in division (D) of section 4729.532 of the Revised 1952  
Code. 1953

(3) The license of an emergency medical service 1954  
organization shall cover and describe all the units of the 1955  
organization listed in its application for licensure. 1956

(4) The license of every terminal distributor of dangerous 1957  
drugs shall indicate, on its face, the category of licensure. If 1958

the license is a limited category I, II, or III license, it 1959  
shall specify, and shall authorize the licensee to possess, have 1960  
custody or control of, and distribute only, the dangerous drugs 1961  
that were listed in the application for licensure. 1962

(I) All licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be 1963  
effective for a period of twelve months from the first day of 1964  
April of each year. A license shall be renewed by the board for 1965  
a like period, annually, according to the provisions of this 1966  
section, and the standard renewal procedure of Chapter 4745. of 1967  
the Revised Code. A person who desires to renew a license shall 1968  
submit an application for renewal and pay the required fee on or 1969  
before the thirty-first day of March each year. The fee required 1970  
for the renewal of a license shall be the same as the fee paid 1971  
for the license being renewed, and shall accompany the 1972  
application for renewal. 1973

A license that has not been renewed during March in any 1974  
year and by the first day of May of the same year may be 1975  
reinstated only upon payment of the required renewal fee and a 1976  
penalty fee of fifty-five dollars. 1977

(J) (1) No emergency medical service organization that is 1978  
licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall fail 1979  
to comply with division (C) (2) or (3) of this section. 1980

(2) No emergency medical service organization that is 1981  
licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall fail 1982  
to comply with division (D) of this section. 1983

(3) No licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs 1984  
shall possess, have custody or control of, or distribute 1985  
dangerous drugs that the terminal distributor is not entitled to 1986  
possess, have custody or control of, or distribute by virtue of 1987

its category of licensure. 1988

(4) No licensee that is required by division (F) of this 1989  
section to notify the board of changes in its protocol or 1990  
standing orders, or in personnel, shall fail to comply with that 1991  
division. 1992

**Sec. 4729.541.** (A)~~(1)~~ Except as provided in divisions ~~(A)~~ 1993  
~~(2) and (3)~~ (B) to (D) of this section, ~~a business entity~~ 1994  
~~described in division (B) (1) (j) or (k) of section 4729.51 of the~~ 1995  
~~Revised Code may possess, have custody or control of, and~~ 1996  
~~distribute the dangerous drugs in category I, category II, and~~ 1997  
~~category III, as defined in section 4729.54 of the Revised Code,~~ 1998  
~~without holding a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs~~ 1999  
~~license issued under that section. all of the following are~~ 2000  
~~exempt from licensure as a terminal distributor of dangerous~~ 2001  
~~drugs:~~ 2002

(1) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe 2003  
drugs; 2004

(2) A business entity that is a corporation formed under 2005  
division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code, a limited 2006  
liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised 2007  
Code, or a professional association formed under Chapter 1785. 2008  
of the Revised Code if the entity has a sole shareholder who is 2009  
a prescriber and is authorized to provide the professional 2010  
services being offered by the entity; 2011

(3) A business entity that is a corporation formed under 2012  
division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code, a limited 2013  
liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised 2014  
Code, a partnership or a limited liability partnership formed 2015  
under Chapter 1775. of the Revised Code, or a professional 2016

association formed under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if, 2017  
to be a shareholder, member, or partner, an individual is 2018  
required to be licensed, certified, or otherwise legally 2019  
authorized under Title XLVII of the Revised Code to perform the 2020  
professional service provided by the entity and each such 2021  
individual is a prescriber; 2022

(4) An individual who holds a current license, 2023  
certificate, or registration issued under Title XLVII of the 2024  
Revised Code and has been certified to conduct diabetes 2025  
education by a national certifying body specified in rules 2026  
adopted by the state board of pharmacy under section 4729.68 of 2027  
the Revised Code, but only with respect to insulin that will be 2028  
used for the purpose of diabetes education and only if diabetes 2029  
education is within the individual's scope of practice under 2030  
statutes and rules regulating the individual's profession; 2031

(5) An individual who holds a valid certificate issued by 2032  
a nationally recognized S.C.U.B.A. diving certifying 2033  
organization approved by the state board of pharmacy under rules 2034  
adopted by the board, but only with respect to medical oxygen 2035  
that will be used for the purpose of emergency care or treatment 2036  
at the scene of a diving emergency; 2037

(6) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be 2038  
possessed under section 3313.7110, 3313.7111, 3314.143, 3326.28, 2039  
or 3328.29 of the Revised Code, any of the following: the board 2040  
of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint 2041  
vocational school district; a chartered or nonchartered 2042  
nonpublic school; a community school established under Chapter 2043  
3314. of the Revised Code; a STEM school established under 2044  
Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code; or a college-preparatory 2045  
boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised 2046

Code; 2047

(7) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be 2048  
possessed under section 5101.76 of the Revised Code, any of the 2049  
following: a residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of 2050  
the Revised Code; a child day camp, as defined in section 2051  
5104.01 of the Revised Code; or a child day camp operated by any 2052  
county, township, municipal corporation, township park district 2053  
created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district 2054  
created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint 2055  
recreation district established under section 755.14 of the 2056  
Revised Code; 2057

(8) With respect to inhalers that may be possessed under 2058  
section 3313.7113, 3313.7114, 3314.144, 3326.30, or 3328.30 of 2059  
the Revised Code, any of the following: the board of education 2060  
of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school 2061  
district; a chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school; a 2062  
community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised 2063  
Code; a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the 2064  
Revised Code; or a college-preparatory boarding school 2065  
established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code; 2066

(9) With respect to inhalers that may be possessed under 2067  
section 5101.77 of the Revised Code, any of the following: a 2068  
residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised 2069  
Code; a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the 2070  
Revised Code; or a child day camp operated by any county, 2071  
township, municipal corporation, township park district created 2072  
under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created 2073  
under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation 2074  
district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code; 2075

(10) With respect to naloxone that may be possessed under 2076

section 2925.61 of the Revised Code, a law enforcement agency 2077  
and its peace officers; 2078

(11) With respect to naloxone that may be possessed under 2079  
section 4729.514 of the Revised Code, a service entity, as 2080  
defined in that section; 2081

(12) A facility that is owned and operated by the United 2082  
States department of defense, the United States department of 2083  
veterans affairs, or any other federal agency. 2084

(B) If a ~~business entity person~~ described in division ~~(B)~~ 2085  
~~(1) (j) or (k)~~ (A) of ~~this~~ section 4729.51 of the Revised Code is 2086  
a pain management clinic or is operating a pain management 2087  
clinic, the entity person shall hold a license as a terminal 2088  
distributor of dangerous drugs with a pain management clinic 2089  
classification issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised 2090  
Code. 2091

(C) If a person described in division (A) of this section 2092  
is operating a facility, clinic, or other location described in 2093  
division (B) of section 4729.553 of the Revised Code that must 2094  
hold a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs 2095  
license with an office-based opioid treatment classification, 2096  
the person shall hold a license with that classification. 2097

~~(3) A business entity~~ (D) Any of the persons described in 2098  
division ~~(B) (1) (j) or (k)~~ divisions (A) (1) to (11) of ~~this~~ 2099  
section 4729.51 of the Revised Code shall hold a license as a 2100  
terminal distributor of dangerous drugs in order to possess, 2101  
have custody or control of, and distribute either any of the 2102  
following: 2103

~~(a)~~ (1) Dangerous drugs that are compounded or used for 2104  
the purpose of compounding; 2105



~~(b) Controlled substances containing buprenorphine that  
are used for the purpose of treating drug dependence or  
addiction.~~ (2) A schedule I, II, III, IV, or V controlled  
substance, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(B) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe  
drugs who does not practice in the form of a business entity  
described in division (B) (1) (j) or (k) of section 4729.51 of the  
Revised Code shall hold a license as a terminal distributor of  
dangerous drugs in order to possess, have custody or control of,  
and distribute, including personally furnish, either of the  
following:~~

~~(1) Dangerous drugs that are compounded or used for the  
purpose of compounding;~~

~~(2) Controlled substances containing buprenorphine that  
are used for the purpose of treating drug dependence or  
addiction.~~

**Sec. 4729.55.** No license shall be issued to an applicant  
for licensure as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs  
unless the applicant has furnished satisfactory proof to the  
state board of pharmacy that:

(A) The applicant is equipped as to land, buildings, and  
equipment to properly carry on the business of a terminal  
distributor of dangerous drugs within the category of licensure  
approved by the board.

(B) A pharmacist, licensed health professional authorized  
to prescribe drugs, animal shelter licensed with the state board  
of pharmacy under section 4729.531 of the Revised Code, or a  
laboratory as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code  
will maintain supervision and control over the possession and

custody of dangerous drugs that may be acquired by or on behalf 2135  
of the applicant. 2136

(C) Adequate safeguards are assured to prevent the sale or 2137  
other distribution of dangerous drugs by any person other than a 2138  
pharmacist or licensed health professional authorized to 2139  
prescribe drugs. 2140

(D) Adequate safeguards are assured that the applicant 2141  
will carry on the business of a terminal distributor of 2142  
dangerous drugs in a manner that allows pharmacists and pharmacy 2143  
interns employed by the terminal distributor to practice 2144  
pharmacy in a safe and effective manner. 2145

(E) If the applicant, or any agent or employee of the 2146  
applicant, has been found guilty of violating section 4729.51 of 2147  
the Revised Code, the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 2148  
Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, the federal drug abuse 2149  
control laws, Chapter 2925., 3715., 3719., or 4729. of the 2150  
Revised Code, or any rule of the board, adequate safeguards are 2151  
assured to prevent the recurrence of the violation. 2152

(F) In the case of an applicant who is a food processor or 2153  
retail seller of food, the applicant will maintain supervision 2154  
and control over the possession and custody of nitrous oxide. 2155

(G) In the case of an applicant who is a retail seller of 2156  
oxygen in original packages labeled as required by the "Federal 2157  
Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," the applicant will maintain 2158  
supervision and control over the possession, custody, and retail 2159  
sale of the oxygen. 2160

(H) If the application is made on behalf of an animal 2161  
shelter, at least one of the agents or employees of the animal 2162  
shelter is certified in compliance with section 4729.532 of the 2163

Revised Code. 2164

(I) In the case of an applicant who is a retail seller of 2165  
peritoneal dialysis solutions in original packages labeled as 2166  
required by the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 Stat. 2167  
1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, the applicant will maintain 2168  
supervision and control over the possession, custody, and retail 2169  
sale of the peritoneal dialysis solutions. 2170

(J) In the case of an applicant who is a pain management 2171  
clinic, the applicant meets the requirements to receive a 2172  
license with a pain management clinic classification issued 2173  
under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code. 2174

(K) In the case of an applicant who is operating a 2175  
facility, clinic, or other location described in division (B) of 2176  
section 4729.553 of the Revised Code that must hold a category 2177  
III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license with an 2178  
office-based opioid treatment classification, the applicant 2179  
meets the requirements to receive that license with that 2180  
classification. 2181

**Sec. 4729.553.** (A) As used in this section: 2182

(1) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in 2183  
section 3719.01 of the Revised Code. 2184

(2) "Hospital" means a hospital registered with the 2185  
department of health under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code. 2186

(3) "Office-based opioid treatment" means the treatment of 2187  
opioid dependence or addiction using a controlled substance. 2188

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this 2189  
section, no person shall knowingly operate a facility, clinic, 2190  
or other location where a prescriber provides office-based 2191

opioid treatment to more than thirty patients or that meets any 2192  
other identifying criteria established in rules adopted under 2193  
division (G) of this section without holding a category III 2194  
terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license with an office- 2195  
based opioid treatment classification. 2196

(2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not apply to any 2197  
of the following: 2198

(a) A hospital; 2199

(b) A facility for the treatment of opioid dependence or 2200  
addiction that is operated by a hospital; 2201

(c) A physician practice owned or controlled, in whole or 2202  
in part, by a hospital or by an entity that owns or controls, in 2203  
whole or in part, one or more hospitals; 2204

(d) A facility that conducts only clinical research and 2205  
uses controlled substances in studies approved by a hospital- 2206  
based institutional review board or an institutional review 2207  
board that is accredited by the association for the 2208  
accreditation of human research protection programs, inc.; 2209

(e) A facility that holds a category III terminal 2210  
distributor of dangerous drugs license in accordance with 2211  
section 4729.54 of the Revised Code for the purpose of treating 2212  
drug dependence or addiction as part of an opioid treatment 2213  
program and is the subject of a current, valid certification 2214  
from the substance abuse and mental health services 2215  
administration of the United States department of health and 2216  
human services pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 8.11; 2217

(f) A program or facility that is licensed or certified by 2218  
the department of mental health and addiction services under 2219  
Chapter 5119. of the Revised Code. 2220

(C) To be eligible to receive a license as a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with an office-based opioid treatment classification, an applicant shall submit evidence satisfactory to the state board of pharmacy that the applicant's office-based opioid treatment will be operated in accordance with the requirements specified in division (D) of this section and that the applicant meets any other applicable requirements of this chapter. 2221-2228

If the board determines that an applicant meets all of the requirements, the board shall issue to the applicant a license as a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with an office-based opioid treatment classification. 2229-2232

(D) The holder of a category III terminal distributor license with an office-based opioid treatment classification shall do all of the following: 2233-2235

(1) Be in control of a facility that is owned and operated solely by one or more physicians authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, unless the state board of pharmacy has exempted the holder from this requirement; 2236-2240

(2) Comply with the requirements for conducting office-based opioid treatment, as established by the state medical board in rules adopted under section 4731.056 of the Revised Code; 2241-2244

(3) Require any person with ownership of the facility to submit to a criminal records check in accordance with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code and send the results of the criminal records check directly to the state board of pharmacy for review and decision under section 4729.071 of the Revised Code; 2245-2249

(4) Require all employees of the facility to submit to a criminal records check in accordance with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code and ensure that no person is employed who has previously been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, either of the following: 2250  
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(a) A theft offense, described in division (K)(3) of section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that would constitute a felony under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United States; 2255  
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(b) A felony drug offense, as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code. 2259  
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(5) Maintain a list of each person with ownership of the facility and notify the state board of pharmacy of any change to that list. 2261  
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(E) No person subject to licensure as a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with an office-based opioid treatment classification shall knowingly fail to remain in compliance with the requirements of division (D) of this section and any other applicable requirements of this chapter. 2264  
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(F) The state board of pharmacy may impose a fine of not more than five thousand dollars on a person who violates division (B) or (E) of this section. A separate fine may be imposed for each day the violation continues. In imposing the fine, the board's actions shall be taken in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 2269  
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(G) The state board of pharmacy shall adopt rules as it considers necessary to implement and administer this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 2275  
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**Sec. 4729.571.** If the state board of pharmacy determines 2279  
that there is clear and convincing evidence that the method used 2280  
by a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs to distribute 2281  
controlled substances presents a danger of immediate and serious 2282  
harm to others, the board may suspend the terminal distributor's 2283  
license without a hearing. The board shall follow the procedure 2284  
for suspension without a prior hearing in section 119.07 of the 2285  
Revised Code. The suspension shall remain in effect, unless 2286  
removed by the board, until the board's final adjudication order 2287  
becomes effective, except that if the board does not issue its 2288  
final adjudication order within ninety days after the hearing, 2289  
the suspension shall be void on the ninety-first day after the 2290  
suspension. 2291

If the terminal distributor holds a license with a pain 2292  
management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 2293  
of the Revised Code or a license with an office-based opioid 2294  
treatment classification issued under section 4729.553 of the 2295  
Revised Code and the person holding the license also holds a 2296  
certificate issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to 2297  
practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and 2298  
surgery, prior to suspending the license without a hearing, the 2299  
board shall consult with the secretary of the state medical 2300  
board or, if the secretary is unavailable, another physician 2301  
member of the board. 2302

**Sec. 4729.60.** (A) (1) Before a registered wholesale 2303  
distributor of dangerous drugs may sell dangerous drugs at 2304  
wholesale to any person, ~~other than the persons specified in~~ 2305  
~~divisions (B) (1) (a) to (d), (f) to (h), and (l) to (p) of~~ 2306  
~~section 4729.51 of the Revised Code~~ except as provided in 2307  
division (A) (2) of this section, ~~such the~~ wholesale distributor 2308  
shall obtain from the purchaser and the purchaser shall furnish 2309

to the wholesale distributor a certificate indicating that the purchaser is a licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs. The certificate shall be in the form that the state board of pharmacy shall prescribe, and shall set forth the name of the licensee, the number of the license, a description of the place or establishment or each place or establishment for which the license was issued, the category of licensure, and, if the license is a limited category I, II, or III license, the dangerous drugs that the licensee is authorized to possess, have custody or control of, and distribute.

If no certificate is obtained or furnished before a sale is made, it shall be presumed that the sale of dangerous drugs by the wholesale distributor is in violation of division (B) of section 4729.51 of the Revised Code and the purchase of dangerous drugs by the purchaser is in violation of division ~~(C)~~ (E) of section 4729.51 of the Revised Code. If a registered wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs obtains or is furnished a certificate from a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs and relies on the certificate in selling dangerous drugs at wholesale to the terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, the wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs shall be deemed not to have violated division (B) of section 4729.51 of the Revised Code in making the sale.

(2) Division (A) (1) of this section does not apply when a wholesale distributor sells dangerous drugs at wholesale to any of the following:

(a) A person specified in division (B) (4) of section 4729.51 of the Revised Code;

(b) Any of the persons described in divisions (A) (1) to (12) of section 4729.541 of the Revised Code, but only if the



purchaser is not required to obtain licensure as provided in 2340  
divisions (B) to (D) of that section. 2341

(B) Before a licensed terminal distributor of dangerous 2342  
drugs may purchase dangerous drugs at wholesale, the terminal 2343  
distributor shall obtain from the seller and the seller shall 2344  
furnish to the terminal distributor the number of the seller's 2345  
registration certificate to engage in the sale of dangerous 2346  
drugs at wholesale. 2347

If no registration number is obtained or furnished before 2348  
a purchase is made, it shall be presumed that the purchase of 2349  
dangerous drugs by the terminal distributor is in violation of 2350  
division ~~(D)~~(F) of section 4729.51 of the Revised Code and the 2351  
sale of dangerous drugs by the seller is in violation of 2352  
division (A) of section 4729.51 of the Revised Code. If a 2353  
licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs obtains or is 2354  
furnished a registration number from a wholesale distributor of 2355  
dangerous drugs and relies on the registration number in 2356  
purchasing dangerous drugs at wholesale from the wholesale 2357  
distributor of dangerous drugs, the terminal distributor shall 2358  
be deemed not to have violated division ~~(D)~~(F) of section 2359  
4729.51 of the Revised Code in making the purchase. 2360

**Sec. 4729.68.** The state board of pharmacy shall adopt 2361  
rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code specifying 2362  
for the purposes of sections 3719.172 and ~~4729.51~~4729.541 of 2363  
the Revised Code the national bodies recognized by the board 2364  
that certify persons who successfully complete diabetes 2365  
education programs. 2366

**Sec. 4729.90.** (A) As used in this section, "responsible 2367  
person" has the same meaning as in rules adopted by the state 2368  
board of pharmacy under section 4729.26 of the Revised Code. 2369

<u>(B) (1) An applicant for registration as a registered</u>	2370
<u>pharmacy technician shall:</u>	2371
<u>(a) Be at least eighteen years of age;</u>	2372
<u>(b) Possess a high school diploma or a certificate of high</u>	2373
<u>school equivalence or have been employed continuously since</u>	2374
<u>prior to April 8, 2009, as a pharmacy technician without a high</u>	2375
<u>school diploma or certificate of high school equivalence;</u>	2376
<u>(c) Be of good moral character, as defined in rules</u>	2377
<u>adopted by the state board of pharmacy under section 4729.26 of</u>	2378
<u>the Revised Code;</u>	2379
<u>(d) Except as provided in division (D) of this section,</u>	2380
<u>comply with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code;</u>	2381
<u>(e) Except as provided in division (E) (1) of this section,</u>	2382
<u>obtain from a pharmacy's responsible person an attestation that</u>	2383
<u>the applicant has successfully completed education and training</u>	2384
<u>that meets the requirements established by the board in rules</u>	2385
<u>adopted under section 4729.94 of the Revised Code.</u>	2386
<u>(2) An applicant for registration as a certified pharmacy</u>	2387
<u>technician shall:</u>	2388
<u>(a) Comply with divisions (B) (1) (a), (c), and (d) of this</u>	2389
<u>section;</u>	2390
<u>(b) Possess a high school diploma or a certificate of high</u>	2391
<u>school equivalence;</u>	2392
<u>(c) Except as provided in division (E) (2) of this section,</u>	2393
<u>obtain from a pharmacy's responsible person an attestation that</u>	2394
<u>the applicant has successfully completed education and training</u>	2395
<u>that meets the requirements established by the board in rules</u>	2396
<u>adopted under section 4729.94 of the Revised Code;</u>	2397

(d) Have a current pharmacy technician certification from 2398  
an organization that has been recognized by the board. 2399

(C) A pharmacist or pharmacy intern whose license has been 2400  
denied, revoked, suspended, or otherwise restricted by the board 2401  
shall not be registered as a registered pharmacy technician or 2402  
certified pharmacy technician. 2403

(D) Until the date that is two years after the effective 2404  
date of this section, an applicant for registration as a 2405  
registered pharmacy technician or certified pharmacy technician 2406  
who meets the requirements to be a qualified pharmacy technician 2407  
under section 4729.42 of the Revised Code, as it existed 2408  
immediately prior to the effective date of section 4729.95 of 2409  
the Revised Code, may, instead of complying with division (B) (1) 2410  
(d) of this section, authorize the superintendent of the bureau 2411  
of criminal identification and investigation to make the results 2412  
of a criminal records check of the applicant available to the 2413  
state board of pharmacy. The criminal records check must have 2414  
been conducted not earlier than twenty-four months before the 2415  
date of the application for registration. 2416

(E) (1) Until the date that is two years after the 2417  
effective date of this section, an applicant for registration as 2418  
a registered pharmacy technician who meets the requirements to 2419  
be a qualified pharmacy technician under section 4729.42 of the 2420  
Revised Code, as it existed immediately prior to the effective 2421  
date of section 4729.95 of the Revised Code, may, instead of 2422  
complying with division (B) (1) (e) of this section, submit an 2423  
attestation from a pharmacy's responsible person that the 2424  
applicant has completed a pharmacy technician training program 2425  
that is of appropriate breadth and depth to clearly address the 2426  
competencies for a technician to safely and effectively work in 2427

<u>that particular setting and includes instruction in all of the</u>	2428
<u>following:</u>	2429
<u>(a) Packaging and labeling drugs;</u>	2430
<u>(b) Pharmacy terminology;</u>	2431
<u>(c) Basic drug information;</u>	2432
<u>(d) Basic calculations;</u>	2433
<u>(e) Quality control procedures;</u>	2434
<u>(f) State and federal statutes, rules, and regulations</u>	2435
<u>regarding pharmacy technician duties, pharmacist duties,</u>	2436
<u>pharmacy intern duties, prescription or drug order processing</u>	2437
<u>procedures, non-sterile drug compounding, drug record-keeping</u>	2438
<u>requirements, patient confidentiality, security requirements,</u>	2439
<u>and storage requirements.</u>	2440
<u>(2) Until the date that is two years after the effective</u>	2441
<u>date of this section, an applicant for registration as a</u>	2442
<u>certified pharmacy technician who meets the requirements to be a</u>	2443
<u>qualified pharmacy technician under section 4729.42 of the</u>	2444
<u>Revised Code, as it existed immediately prior to the effective</u>	2445
<u>date of section 4729.95 of the Revised Code, may, instead of</u>	2446
<u>complying with division (B)(2)(c) of this section, submit an</u>	2447
<u>attestation from a pharmacy's responsible person that the</u>	2448
<u>applicant has completed a pharmacy technician training program</u>	2449
<u>that is of appropriate breadth and depth to clearly address the</u>	2450
<u>competencies for a technician to safely and effectively work in</u>	2451
<u>that particular setting and includes instruction in all of the</u>	2452
<u>following:</u>	2453
<u>(a) The topics listed in divisions (E)(1)(a) to (f) of</u>	2454
<u>this section;</u>	2455

(b) Sterile drug compounding; 2456

(c) Preparing and mixing intravenous drugs to be injected 2457  
into a human being. 2458

Sec. 4729.901. An applicant for registration under section 2459  
4729.90 of the Revised Code shall file with the state board of 2460  
pharmacy an application in the form and manner prescribed in 2461  
rules adopted under section 4729.94 of the Revised Code. The 2462  
application shall be accompanied by an application fee of fifty 2463  
dollars, which shall not be returned if the applicant fails to 2464  
qualify for registration. 2465

If the board is satisfied that the applicant meets the 2466  
requirements of section 4729.90 of the Revised Code and any 2467  
additional requirements established by the board and determines 2468  
that the results of a criminal records check do not make the 2469  
applicant ineligible, the board shall register the applicant as 2470  
a registered pharmacy technician or certified pharmacy 2471  
technician, as applicable. 2472

Registration under this section is valid for the period 2473  
specified by the board in rules adopted under section 4729.94 of 2474  
the Revised Code. The period shall not exceed twenty-four months 2475  
unless the board extends the period in the rules to adjust 2476  
license renewal schedules. 2477

Sec. 4729.902. (A) A registered pharmacy technician or 2478  
certified pharmacy technician shall file an application for 2479  
registration renewal in the form and manner prescribed by the 2480  
state board of pharmacy in rules adopted under section 4729.94 2481  
of the Revised Code. Registrations shall be renewed in 2482  
accordance with the rules and the standard renewal procedure set 2483  
forth in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. The renewal fee is 2484

<u>twenty-five dollars per year.</u>	2485
<u>(B) (1) A registered pharmacy technician or certified</u>	2486
<u>pharmacy technician who fails to renew registration in</u>	2487
<u>accordance with division (A) of this section is prohibited from</u>	2488
<u>engaging in the activities authorized by section 4729.91 of the</u>	2489
<u>Revised Code.</u>	2490
<u>(2) (a) A registration that is not renewed by a date</u>	2491
<u>determined under division (A) of this section but has not lapsed</u>	2492
<u>for more than ninety days may be reinstated if the applicant</u>	2493
<u>does both of the following:</u>	2494
<u>(i) Submits a renewal application in a form prescribed by</u>	2495
<u>the board in rules adopted under section 4729.94 of the Revised</u>	2496
<u>Code;</u>	2497
<u>(ii) Pays the renewal fee and a late fee of fifty dollars.</u>	2498
<u>(b) A registration that has lapsed for more than ninety</u>	2499
<u>days cannot be renewed, but the registration holder may reapply</u>	2500
<u>for registration.</u>	2501
<u><b>Sec. 4729.91.</b> (A) A registered pharmacy technician may,</u>	2502
<u>under the direct supervision of a pharmacist, engage in the</u>	2503
<u>following activities at a location licensed as a terminal</u>	2504
<u>distributor of dangerous drugs to the extent that the activities</u>	2505
<u>do not require the exercise of professional judgment:</u>	2506
<u>(1) Accepting new written or electronic prescription</u>	2507
<u>orders from a prescriber or a prescriber's agent;</u>	2508
<u>(2) Entering information into and retrieving information</u>	2509
<u>from a database or patient profile;</u>	2510
<u>(3) Preparing and affixing labels;</u>	2511

<u>(4) Stocking dangerous drugs and retrieving those drugs</u>	2512
<u>from inventory;</u>	2513
<u>(5) Counting and pouring dangerous drugs into containers;</u>	2514
<u>(6) Placing dangerous drugs into patient storage</u>	2515
<u>containers;</u>	2516
<u>(7) Non-sterile drug compounding as authorized by the</u>	2517
<u>state board of pharmacy in rules adopted under section 4729.94</u>	2518
<u>of the Revised Code;</u>	2519
<u>(8) Other activities specified by the board in rules</u>	2520
<u>adopted under section 4729.94 of the Revised Code.</u>	2521
<u>(B) A certified pharmacy technician may, under the direct</u>	2522
<u>supervision of a pharmacist, engage in the following activities</u>	2523
<u>at a location licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous</u>	2524
<u>drugs to the extent that the activities do not require the</u>	2525
<u>exercise of professional judgment:</u>	2526
<u>(1) Any activity listed in division (A) of this section;</u>	2527
<u>(2) Accepting or requesting refill authorizations for</u>	2528
<u>dangerous drugs that are not controlled substances from a</u>	2529
<u>prescriber or the prescriber's agent, so long as there is no</u>	2530
<u>change from the original prescription;</u>	2531
<u>(3) Sterile and non-sterile drug compounding as authorized</u>	2532
<u>by the board in rules adopted under section 4729.94 of the</u>	2533
<u>Revised Code;</u>	2534
<u>(4) Other activities specified by the board in rules</u>	2535
<u>adopted under section 4729.94 of the Revised Code.</u>	2536
<b><u>Sec. 4729.92. (A) An applicant for registration as a</u></b>	2537
<b><u>pharmacy technician trainee shall:</u></b>	2538

(1) Comply with divisions (B) (1) (a) to (c) of section 2539  
4729.90 of the Revised Code; 2540

(2) Be enrolled in or plan to enroll in education and 2541  
training that will allow the applicant to meet the requirements 2542  
established by the state board of pharmacy in rules adopted 2543  
under section 4729.94 of the Revised Code; 2544

(3) Comply with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised 2545  
Code. 2546

(B) A pharmacist or pharmacy intern whose license has been 2547  
denied, revoked, suspended, or otherwise restricted by the board 2548  
shall not be registered as a pharmacy technician trainee. 2549

**Sec. 4729.921.** An applicant for registration as a pharmacy 2550  
technician trainee shall file with the state board of pharmacy 2551  
an application in the form and manner prescribed in rules 2552  
adopted under section 4729.94 of the Revised Code. The 2553  
application shall be accompanied by an application fee of 2554  
twenty-five dollars, which shall not be returned if the 2555  
applicant fails to qualify for registration. 2556

If the board is satisfied that an applicant meets the 2557  
requirements of section 4729.92 of the Revised Code and any 2558  
additional requirements established by the board and determines 2559  
that the results of a criminal records check do not make the 2560  
applicant ineligible, the board shall register the applicant as 2561  
a pharmacy technician trainee. 2562

Registration is valid for one year from the date of 2563  
registration. Registration is not renewable, but an individual 2564  
may reapply for registration if the individual's previous 2565  
registration has lapsed for more than five years or the board 2566  
grants its approval. 2567



Sec. 4729.93. A pharmacy technician trainee may, under the 2568  
direct supervision of a pharmacist, engage in the same 2569  
activities as a registered pharmacy technician, as listed in 2570  
division (A) of section 4729.91 of the Revised Code. 2571

Sec. 4729.94. The state board of pharmacy shall adopt 2572  
rules under section 4729.26 of the Revised Code governing 2573  
registration of registered pharmacy technicians, certified 2574  
pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician trainees. The 2575  
rules shall include all of the following: 2576

(A) Application and renewal forms and procedures; 2577

(B) Reapplication forms and procedures for individuals 2578  
whose registration has lapsed more than ninety days; 2579

(C) Education and training requirements, requirements for 2580  
employer-administered training programs, and other requirements 2581  
considered appropriate by the board; 2582

(D) Additional activities permitted by divisions (A) (7) 2583  
and (B) (4) of section 4729.91 of the Revised Code; 2584

(E) Requirements for sterile and non-sterile drug 2585  
compounding; 2586

(F) Continuing education requirements; 2587

(G) Conduct that constitutes dishonesty or unprofessional 2588  
conduct by a registered pharmacy technician, certified pharmacy 2589  
technician, or pharmacy technician trainee; 2590

(H) Additional conduct for which the board may impose 2591  
discipline under section 4729.96 of the Revised Code on a 2592  
registered pharmacy technician, certified pharmacy technician, 2593  
or pharmacy technician trainee; 2594

(I) Any other rules the board considers appropriate to 2595  
implement sections 4729.90 to 4729.96 of the Revised Code. 2596

**Sec. 4729.95.** (A) No person who is not a pharmacist, 2597  
pharmacy intern, registered pharmacy technician, certified 2598  
pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee shall 2599  
knowingly engage in any of the activities listed in section 2600  
4729.91 of the Revised Code in a location licensed as a terminal 2601  
distributor of dangerous drugs or while performing the function 2602  
of a terminal distributor, except that this division does not 2603  
prevent a licensed health care professional from engaging in 2604  
activities that are authorized by law as part of the licensed 2605  
professional's practice. 2606

(B) No pharmacist shall knowingly allow any person 2607  
employed or otherwise under the control of the pharmacist to 2608  
violate division (A) of this section. 2609

(C) No terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall 2610  
knowingly allow any person employed or otherwise under the 2611  
control of the person who owns, manages, or conducts the 2612  
terminal distributor to violate division (A) of this section. 2613

**Sec. 4729.96.** (A) (1) The state board of pharmacy, after 2614  
notice and hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 2615  
Revised Code, may impose one or more of the following sanctions 2616  
on a pharmacy technician trainee, registered pharmacy 2617  
technician, or certified pharmacy technician if the board finds 2618  
the individual engaged in any of the conduct set forth in 2619  
division (A) (2) of this section: 2620

(a) Revoke, suspend, restrict, limit, or refuse to grant 2621  
or renew a registration; 2622

(b) Reprimand or place the holder of the registration on 2623

probation; 2624

(c) Impose a monetary penalty or forfeiture not to exceed 2625  
in severity any fine designated under the Revised Code for a 2626  
similar offense, or in the case of a violation of a section of 2627  
the Revised Code that does not bear a penalty, a monetary 2628  
penalty or forfeiture of not more than five hundred dollars. 2629

(2) The board may impose the sanctions listed in division 2630  
(A)(1) of this section if the board finds a pharmacy technician 2631  
trainee, registered pharmacy technician, or certified pharmacy 2632  
technician: 2633

(a) Has been convicted of a felony, or a crime of moral 2634  
turpitude, as defined in section 4776.10 of the Revised Code; 2635

(b) Engaged in dishonesty or unprofessional conduct, as 2636  
prescribed in rules adopted by the board under section 4729.94 2637  
of the Revised Code; 2638

(c) Is addicted to or abusing alcohol or drugs or impaired 2639  
physically or mentally to such a degree as to render the 2640  
individual unable to perform the individual's duties; 2641

(d) Violated, conspired to violate, attempted to violate, 2642  
or aided and abetted the violation of any of the provisions of 2643  
this chapter, sections 3715.52 to 3715.72 of the Revised Code, 2644  
Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code, or any rule adopted 2645  
by the board under those provisions; 2646

(e) Committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in 2647  
applying for or securing a registration issued by the board 2648  
under this chapter; 2649

(f) Failed to comply with an order of the board or a 2650  
settlement agreement; 2651

(g) Engaged in any other conduct for which the board may 2652  
impose discipline as set forth in rules adopted by the board 2653  
under section 4729.94 of the Revised Code. 2654

(B) The board may suspend a registration under division 2655  
(B) of section 3719.121 of the Revised Code by utilizing a 2656  
telephone conference call to review the allegations and take a 2657  
vote. 2658

(C) For purposes of this division, an individual 2659  
authorized to practice as a pharmacy technician trainee, 2660  
registered pharmacy technician, or certified pharmacy technician 2661  
accepts the privilege of practicing in this state subject to 2662  
supervision by the board. By filing an application for or 2663  
holding a registration under this chapter, the individual gives 2664  
consent to submit to a mental or physical examination when 2665  
ordered to do so by the board in writing and waives all 2666  
objections to the admissibility of testimony or examination 2667  
reports that constitute privileged communications. 2668

If the board has reasonable cause to believe that an 2669  
individual who is a pharmacy technician trainee, registered 2670  
pharmacy technician, or certified pharmacy technician is 2671  
physically or mentally impaired, the board may require the 2672  
individual to submit to a physical or mental examination, or 2673  
both. The expense of the examination is the responsibility of 2674  
the individual required to be examined. 2675

Failure of an individual who is a pharmacy technician 2676  
trainee, registered pharmacy technician, or certified pharmacy 2677  
technician to submit to a physical or mental examination ordered 2678  
by the board, unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond 2679  
the individual's control, constitutes an admission of the 2680  
allegations and a suspension order shall be entered without the 2681

taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. Any subsequent 2682  
adjudication hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 2683  
concerning failure to submit to an examination is limited to 2684  
consideration of whether the failure was beyond the individual's 2685  
control. 2686

If, based on the results of an examination ordered under 2687  
this division, the board determines that the individual's 2688  
ability to practice is impaired, the board shall suspend the 2689  
individual's registration or deny the individual's application 2690  
and shall require the individual, as a condition for an initial, 2691  
continued, reinstated, or renewed registration to practice, to 2692  
submit to a physical or mental examination and treatment. 2693

An order of suspension issued under this division shall 2694  
not be subject to suspension by a court during pendency of any 2695  
appeal filed under section 119.12 of the Revised Code. 2696

(D) If the board is required under Chapter 119. of the 2697  
Revised Code to give notice of an opportunity for a hearing and 2698  
the applicant or registrant does not make a timely request for a 2699  
hearing in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, 2700  
the board is not required to hold a hearing, but may adopt a 2701  
final order that contains the board's findings. In the final 2702  
order, the board may impose any of the sanctions listed in 2703  
division (A) of this section. 2704

(E) Notwithstanding the provision of division (C) (2) of 2705  
section 2953.32 of the Revised Code specifying that if records 2706  
pertaining to a criminal case are sealed under that section the 2707  
proceedings in the case must be deemed not to have occurred, 2708  
sealing of the following records on which the board has based an 2709  
action under this section shall have no effect on the board's 2710  
action or any sanction imposed by the board under this section: 2711

records of any conviction, guilty plea, judicial finding of 2712  
guilt resulting from a plea of no contest, or a judicial finding 2713  
of eligibility for a pretrial diversion program or intervention 2714  
in lieu of conviction. The board shall not be required to seal, 2715  
destroy, redact, or otherwise modify its records to reflect the 2716  
court's sealing of conviction records. 2717

(F) No pharmacy technician trainee, registered pharmacy 2718  
technician, or certified pharmacy technician shall knowingly 2719  
engage in any conduct described in divisions (A)(2)(b) or (A)(2) 2720  
(d) to (g) of this section. 2721

**Sec. 4729.99.** (A) Whoever violates division (H) of section 2722  
4729.16, division ~~(A) or (B)~~ (E) of section 4729.38, ~~or~~ section 2723  
4729.57, or division (F) of section 4729.96 of the Revised Code 2724  
is guilty of a minor misdemeanor, unless a different penalty is 2725  
otherwise specified in the Revised Code. Each day's violation 2726  
constitutes a separate offense. 2727

(B) Whoever violates section 4729.27, 4729.28, or 4729.36 2728  
of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third 2729  
degree. Each day's violation constitutes a separate offense. If 2730  
the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty 2731  
to a violation of this chapter, that person is guilty of a 2732  
misdemeanor of the second degree. 2733

(C) Whoever violates section 4729.32, 4729.33, or 4729.34 2734  
of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor. 2735

(D) Whoever violates division (A), (B), (C), (D), (F) or 2736  
~~(E)~~ (G) of section 4729.51 of the Revised Code is guilty of a 2737  
misdemeanor of the first degree. 2738

(E) (1) Whoever violates section 4729.37, division ~~(C)(2)~~ 2739  
(E) (1) (b) of section 4729.51, division (J) of section 4729.54, 2740

division (B) or (D) of section 4729.553, or section 4729.61 of 2741  
the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. If 2742  
the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty 2743  
to a violation of this chapter or a violation of Chapter 2925. 2744  
or 3719. of the Revised Code, that person is guilty of a felony 2745  
of the fourth degree. 2746

(2) If an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 2747  
violation of section 4729.37, division ~~(C)~~ (E) of section 2748  
4729.51, division (J) of section 4729.54, or section 4729.61 of 2749  
the Revised Code, if the violation involves the sale, offer to 2750  
sell, or possession of a schedule I or II controlled substance, 2751  
with the exception of marihuana, and if the court imposing 2752  
sentence upon the offender finds that the offender as a result 2753  
of the violation is a major drug offender, as defined in section 2754  
2929.01 of the Revised Code, and is guilty of a specification of 2755  
the type described in section 2941.1410 of the Revised Code, the 2756  
court, in lieu of the prison term authorized or required by 2757  
division (E) (1) of this section and sections 2929.13 and 2929.14 2758  
of the Revised Code and in addition to any other sanction 2759  
imposed for the offense under sections 2929.11 to 2929.18 of the 2760  
Revised Code, shall impose upon the offender, in accordance with 2761  
division (B) (3) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code, the 2762  
mandatory prison term specified in that division. 2763

(3) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 2764  
3719.21 of the Revised Code, the clerk of court shall pay any 2765  
fine imposed for a violation of section 4729.37, division ~~(C)~~ 2766  
(E) of section 4729.51, division (J) of section 4729.54, or 2767  
section 4729.61 of the Revised Code pursuant to division (A) of 2768  
section 2929.18 of the Revised Code in accordance with and 2769  
subject to the requirements of division (F) of section 2925.03 2770  
of the Revised Code. The agency that receives the fine shall use 2771

the fine as specified in division (F) of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code. 2772  
2773

(F) Whoever violates section 4729.531 of the Revised Code 2774  
or any rule adopted thereunder or section 4729.532 of the 2775  
Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 2776

(G) Whoever violates division ~~(C)(1)~~ (E)(1)(a) of section 2777  
4729.51 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fourth 2778  
degree. If the offender has previously been convicted of or 2779  
pleaded guilty to a violation of this chapter, or of a violation 2780  
of Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code, that person is 2781  
guilty of a felony of the third degree. 2782

(H) Whoever violates division ~~(C)(3)~~ (E)(1)(c) of section 2783  
4729.51 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 2784  
first degree. If the offender has previously been convicted of 2785  
or pleaded guilty to a violation of this chapter, or of a 2786  
violation of Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code, that 2787  
person is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. 2788

(I) (1) Whoever violates division ~~(B)~~ (A) of section 2789  
~~4729.42-4729.95~~ of the Revised Code is guilty of unauthorized 2790  
pharmacy-related drug conduct. Except as otherwise provided in 2791  
this section, unauthorized pharmacy-related drug conduct is a 2792  
misdemeanor of the second degree. If the offender previously has 2793  
been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division 2794  
(A), (B), or (C), ~~(D)~~, ~~or (E)~~ of that section, unauthorized 2795  
pharmacy-related drug conduct is a misdemeanor of the first 2796  
degree on a second offense and a felony of the fifth degree on a 2797  
third or subsequent offense. 2798

(2) Whoever violates division (B) or (C) ~~or (D)~~ of section 2799  
~~4729.42-4729.95~~ of the Revised Code is guilty of permitting 2800



unauthorized pharmacy-related drug conduct. Except as otherwise 2801  
provided in this section, permitting unauthorized pharmacy- 2802  
related drug conduct is a misdemeanor of the second degree. If 2803  
the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty 2804  
to a violation of division (A), (B), or (C), ~~(D), or (E)~~ of that 2805  
section, permitting unauthorized pharmacy-related drug conduct 2806  
is a misdemeanor of the first degree on a second offense and a 2807  
felony of the fifth degree on a third or subsequent offense. 2808

~~(3) Whoever violates division (E) of section 4729.42 of~~ 2809  
~~the Revised Code is guilty of the offense of falsification under~~ 2810  
~~section 2921.13 of the Revised Code. In addition to any other~~ 2811  
~~sanction imposed for the violation, the offender is forever~~ 2812  
~~disqualified from engaging in any activity specified in division~~ 2813  
~~(B)(1), (2), or (3) of section 4729.42 of the Revised Code and~~ 2814  
~~from performing any function as a health care professional or~~ 2815  
~~health care worker. As used in this division, "health care~~ 2816  
~~professional" and "health care worker" have the same meanings as~~ 2817  
~~in section 2305.234 of the Revised Code.~~ 2818

~~(4)~~ Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 2819  
3719.21 of the Revised Code or any other provision of law that 2820  
governs the distribution of fines, the clerk of the court shall 2821  
pay any fine imposed pursuant to division (I)(1), or (2), ~~or (3)~~ 2822  
of this section to the state board of pharmacy if the board has 2823  
adopted a written internal control policy under division (F)(2) 2824  
of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code that addresses fine 2825  
moneys that it receives under Chapter 2925. of the Revised Code 2826  
and if the policy also addresses fine moneys paid under this 2827  
division. The state board of pharmacy shall use the fines so 2828  
paid in accordance with the written internal control policy to 2829  
subsidize the board's law enforcement efforts that pertain to 2830  
drug offenses. 2831

(J) (1) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of section 4729.86 2832  
of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third 2833  
degree. If the offender has previously been convicted of or 2834  
pleaded guilty to a violation of division (A) (1), (2), or (3) of 2835  
section 4729.86 of the Revised Code, that person is guilty of a 2836  
misdemeanor of the first degree. 2837

(2) Whoever violates division (A) (2) of section 4729.86 of 2838  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 2839  
If the offender has previously been convicted of or pleaded 2840  
guilty to a violation of division (A) (1), (2), or (3) of section 2841  
4729.86 of the Revised Code, that person is guilty of a felony 2842  
of the fifth degree. 2843

(3) Whoever violates division (A) (3) of section 4729.86 of 2844  
the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. If 2845  
the offender has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty 2846  
to a violation of division (A) (1), (2), or (3) of section 2847  
4729.86 of the Revised Code, that person is guilty of a felony 2848  
of the fourth degree. 2849

(K) A person who violates division (C) of section 4729.552 2850  
of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first 2851  
degree. If the person previously has been convicted of or 2852  
pleaded guilty to a violation of division (C) of section 2853  
4729.552 of the Revised Code, that person is guilty of a felony 2854  
of the fifth degree. 2855

**Sec. 4731.22.** (A) The state medical board, by an 2856  
affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, may 2857  
limit, revoke, or suspend an individual's certificate to 2858  
practice, refuse to grant a certificate to an individual, refuse 2859  
to renew a certificate, refuse to reinstate a certificate, or 2860  
reprimand or place on probation the holder of a certificate if 2861

the individual or certificate holder is found by the board to 2862  
have committed fraud during the administration of the 2863  
examination for a certificate to practice or to have committed 2864  
fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for, 2865  
renewing, or securing any certificate to practice issued by the 2866  
board. 2867

(B) The board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than 2868  
six members, shall, to the extent permitted by law, limit, 2869  
revoke, or suspend an individual's certificate to practice, 2870  
refuse to issue a certificate to an individual, refuse to renew 2871  
a certificate, refuse to reinstate a certificate, or reprimand 2872  
or place on probation the holder of a certificate for one or 2873  
more of the following reasons: 2874

(1) Permitting one's name or one's certificate to practice 2875  
to be used by a person, group, or corporation when the 2876  
individual concerned is not actually directing the treatment 2877  
given; 2878

(2) Failure to maintain minimal standards applicable to 2879  
the selection or administration of drugs, or failure to employ 2880  
acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other 2881  
modalities for treatment of disease; 2882

(3) Selling, giving away, personally furnishing, 2883  
prescribing, or administering drugs for other than legal and 2884  
legitimate therapeutic purposes or a plea of guilty to, a 2885  
judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of 2886  
eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction of, a 2887  
violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, 2888  
distribution, or use of any drug; 2889

(4) Willfully betraying a professional confidence. 2890

For purposes of this division, "willfully betraying a professional confidence" does not include providing any information, documents, or reports under sections 307.621 to 307.629 of the Revised Code to a child fatality review board; does not include providing any information, documents, or reports to the director of health pursuant to guidelines established under section 3701.70 of the Revised Code; does not include written notice to a mental health professional under section 4731.62 of the Revised Code; and does not include the making of a report of an employee's use of a drug of abuse, or a report of a condition of an employee other than one involving the use of a drug of abuse, to the employer of the employee as described in division (B) of section 2305.33 of the Revised Code. Nothing in this division affects the immunity from civil liability conferred by section 2305.33 or 4731.62 of the Revised Code upon a physician who makes a report in accordance with section 2305.33 or notifies a mental health professional in accordance with section 4731.62 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, "employee," "employer," and "physician" have the same meanings as in section 2305.33 of the Revised Code.

(5) Making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or a limited branch of medicine; or in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice issued by the board.

As used in this division, "false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement" means a statement that includes a misrepresentation of fact, is likely to mislead or deceive because of a failure to disclose material facts, is intended or is likely to create false or unjustified expectations of

favorable results, or includes representations or implications 2922  
that in reasonable probability will cause an ordinarily prudent 2923  
person to misunderstand or be deceived. 2924

(6) A departure from, or the failure to conform to, 2925  
minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the 2926  
same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a 2927  
patient is established; 2928

(7) Representing, with the purpose of obtaining 2929  
compensation or other advantage as personal gain or for any 2930  
other person, that an incurable disease or injury, or other 2931  
incurable condition, can be permanently cured; 2932

(8) The obtaining of, or attempting to obtain, money or 2933  
anything of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in the course 2934  
of practice; 2935

(9) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, 2936  
or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of 2937  
conviction for, a felony; 2938

(10) Commission of an act that constitutes a felony in 2939  
this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was 2940  
committed; 2941

(11) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, 2942  
or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of 2943  
conviction for, a misdemeanor committed in the course of 2944  
practice; 2945

(12) Commission of an act in the course of practice that 2946  
constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the 2947  
jurisdiction in which the act was committed; 2948

(13) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, 2949

or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; 2950  
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(14) Commission of an act involving moral turpitude that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed; 2952  
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(15) Violation of the conditions of limitation placed by the board upon a certificate to practice; 2955  
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(16) Failure to pay license renewal fees specified in this chapter; 2957  
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(17) Except as authorized in section 4731.31 of the Revised Code, engaging in the division of fees for referral of patients, or the receiving of a thing of value in return for a specific referral of a patient to utilize a particular service or business; 2959  
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(18) Subject to section 4731.226 of the Revised Code, violation of any provision of a code of ethics of the American medical association, the American osteopathic association, the American podiatric medical association, or any other national professional organizations that the board specifies by rule. The state medical board shall obtain and keep on file current copies of the codes of ethics of the various national professional organizations. The individual whose certificate is being suspended or revoked shall not be found to have violated any provision of a code of ethics of an organization not appropriate to the individual's profession. 2964  
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For purposes of this division, a "provision of a code of ethics of a national professional organization" does not include any provision that would preclude the making of a report by a physician of an employee's use of a drug of abuse, or of a 2975  
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condition of an employee other than one involving the use of a 2979  
drug of abuse, to the employer of the employee as described in 2980  
division (B) of section 2305.33 of the Revised Code. Nothing in 2981  
this division affects the immunity from civil liability 2982  
conferred by that section upon a physician who makes either type 2983  
of report in accordance with division (B) of that section. As 2984  
used in this division, "employee," "employer," and "physician" 2985  
have the same meanings as in section 2305.33 of the Revised 2986  
Code. 2987

(19) Inability to practice according to acceptable and 2988  
prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or 2989  
physical illness, including, but not limited to, physical 2990  
deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or 2991  
perceptive skills. 2992

In enforcing this division, the board, upon a showing of a 2993  
possible violation, may compel any individual authorized to 2994  
practice by this chapter or who has submitted an application 2995  
pursuant to this chapter to submit to a mental examination, 2996  
physical examination, including an HIV test, or both a mental 2997  
and a physical examination. The expense of the examination is 2998  
the responsibility of the individual compelled to be examined. 2999  
Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination or consent 3000  
to an HIV test ordered by the board constitutes an admission of 3001  
the allegations against the individual unless the failure is due 3002  
to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default 3003  
and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony 3004  
or presentation of evidence. If the board finds an individual 3005  
unable to practice because of the reasons set forth in this 3006  
division, the board shall require the individual to submit to 3007  
care, counseling, or treatment by physicians approved or 3008  
designated by the board, as a condition for initial, continued, 3009

reinstated, or renewed authority to practice. An individual 3010  
affected under this division shall be afforded an opportunity to 3011  
demonstrate to the board the ability to resume practice in 3012  
compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards under the 3013  
provisions of the individual's certificate. For the purpose of 3014  
this division, any individual who applies for or receives a 3015  
certificate to practice under this chapter accepts the privilege 3016  
of practicing in this state and, by so doing, shall be deemed to 3017  
have given consent to submit to a mental or physical examination 3018  
when directed to do so in writing by the board, and to have 3019  
waived all objections to the admissibility of testimony or 3020  
examination reports that constitute a privileged communication. 3021

(20) Except when civil penalties are imposed under section 3022  
4731.225 or 4731.282 of the Revised Code, and subject to section 3023  
4731.226 of the Revised Code, violating or attempting to 3024  
violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the 3025  
violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this 3026  
chapter or any rule promulgated by the board. 3027

This division does not apply to a violation or attempted 3028  
violation of, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or a 3029  
conspiracy to violate, any provision of this chapter or any rule 3030  
adopted by the board that would preclude the making of a report 3031  
by a physician of an employee's use of a drug of abuse, or of a 3032  
condition of an employee other than one involving the use of a 3033  
drug of abuse, to the employer of the employee as described in 3034  
division (B) of section 2305.33 of the Revised Code. Nothing in 3035  
this division affects the immunity from civil liability 3036  
conferred by that section upon a physician who makes either type 3037  
of report in accordance with division (B) of that section. As 3038  
used in this division, "employee," "employer," and "physician" 3039  
have the same meanings as in section 2305.33 of the Revised 3040



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(21) The violation of section 3701.79 of the Revised Code	3042
or of any abortion rule adopted by the director of health	3043
pursuant to section 3701.341 of the Revised Code;	3044
(22) Any of the following actions taken by an agency	3045
responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an	3046
individual to practice a health care occupation or provide	3047
health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for	3048
any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation,	3049
revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to	3050
practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender;	3051
denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license;	3052
imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or	3053
other reprimand;	3054
(23) The violation of section 2919.12 of the Revised Code	3055
or the performance or inducement of an abortion upon a pregnant	3056
woman with actual knowledge that the conditions specified in	3057
division (B) of section 2317.56 of the Revised Code have not	3058
been satisfied or with a heedless indifference as to whether	3059
those conditions have been satisfied, unless an affirmative	3060
defense as specified in division (H) (2) of that section would	3061
apply in a civil action authorized by division (H) (1) of that	3062
section;	3063
(24) The revocation, suspension, restriction, reduction,	3064
or termination of clinical privileges by the United States	3065
department of defense or department of veterans affairs or the	3066
termination or suspension of a certificate of registration to	3067
prescribe drugs by the drug enforcement administration of the	3068
United States department of justice;	3069

(25) Termination or suspension from participation in the 3070  
medicare or medicaid programs by the department of health and 3071  
human services or other responsible agency for any act or acts 3072  
that also would constitute a violation of division (B) (2), (3), 3073  
(6), (8), or (19) of this section; 3074

(26) Impairment of ability to practice according to 3075  
acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual 3076  
or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances 3077  
that impair ability to practice. 3078

For the purposes of this division, any individual 3079  
authorized to practice by this chapter accepts the privilege of 3080  
practicing in this state subject to supervision by the board. By 3081  
filing an application for or holding a certificate to practice 3082  
under this chapter, an individual shall be deemed to have given 3083  
consent to submit to a mental or physical examination when 3084  
ordered to do so by the board in writing, and to have waived all 3085  
objections to the admissibility of testimony or examination 3086  
reports that constitute privileged communications. 3087

If it has reason to believe that any individual authorized 3088  
to practice by this chapter or any applicant for certification 3089  
to practice suffers such impairment, the board may compel the 3090  
individual to submit to a mental or physical examination, or 3091  
both. The expense of the examination is the responsibility of 3092  
the individual compelled to be examined. Any mental or physical 3093  
examination required under this division shall be undertaken by 3094  
a treatment provider or physician who is qualified to conduct 3095  
the examination and who is chosen by the board. 3096

Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination 3097  
ordered by the board constitutes an admission of the allegations 3098  
against the individual unless the failure is due to 3099

circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default and 3100  
final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or 3101  
presentation of evidence. If the board determines that the 3102  
individual's ability to practice is impaired, the board shall 3103  
suspend the individual's certificate or deny the individual's 3104  
application and shall require the individual, as a condition for 3105  
initial, continued, reinstated, or renewed certification to 3106  
practice, to submit to treatment. 3107

Before being eligible to apply for reinstatement of a 3108  
certificate suspended under this division, the impaired 3109  
practitioner shall demonstrate to the board the ability to 3110  
resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing 3111  
standards of care under the provisions of the practitioner's 3112  
certificate. The demonstration shall include, but shall not be 3113  
limited to, the following: 3114

(a) Certification from a treatment provider approved under 3115  
section 4731.25 of the Revised Code that the individual has 3116  
successfully completed any required inpatient treatment; 3117

(b) Evidence of continuing full compliance with an 3118  
aftercare contract or consent agreement; 3119

(c) Two written reports indicating that the individual's 3120  
ability to practice has been assessed and that the individual 3121  
has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and 3122  
prevailing standards of care. The reports shall be made by 3123  
individuals or providers approved by the board for making the 3124  
assessments and shall describe the basis for their 3125  
determination. 3126

The board may reinstate a certificate suspended under this 3127  
division after that demonstration and after the individual has 3128

entered into a written consent agreement. 3129

When the impaired practitioner resumes practice, the board 3130  
shall require continued monitoring of the individual. The 3131  
monitoring shall include, but not be limited to, compliance with 3132  
the written consent agreement entered into before reinstatement 3133  
or with conditions imposed by board order after a hearing, and, 3134  
upon termination of the consent agreement, submission to the 3135  
board for at least two years of annual written progress reports 3136  
made under penalty of perjury stating whether the individual has 3137  
maintained sobriety. 3138

(27) A second or subsequent violation of section 4731.66 3139  
or 4731.69 of the Revised Code; 3140

(28) Except as provided in division (N) of this section: 3141

(a) Waiving the payment of all or any part of a deductible 3142  
or copayment that a patient, pursuant to a health insurance or 3143  
health care policy, contract, or plan that covers the 3144  
individual's services, otherwise would be required to pay if the 3145  
waiver is used as an enticement to a patient or group of 3146  
patients to receive health care services from that individual; 3147

(b) Advertising that the individual will waive the payment 3148  
of all or any part of a deductible or copayment that a patient, 3149  
pursuant to a health insurance or health care policy, contract, 3150  
or plan that covers the individual's services, otherwise would 3151  
be required to pay. 3152

(29) Failure to use universal blood and body fluid 3153  
precautions established by rules adopted under section 4731.051 3154  
of the Revised Code; 3155

(30) Failure to provide notice to, and receive 3156  
acknowledgment of the notice from, a patient when required by 3157

section 4731.143 of the Revised Code prior to providing 3158  
nonemergency professional services, or failure to maintain that 3159  
notice in the patient's file; 3160

(31) Failure of a physician supervising a physician 3161  
assistant to maintain supervision in accordance with the 3162  
requirements of Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code and the rules 3163  
adopted under that chapter; 3164

(32) Failure of a physician or podiatrist to enter into a 3165  
standard care arrangement with a clinical nurse specialist, 3166  
certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner with 3167  
whom the physician or podiatrist is in collaboration pursuant to 3168  
section 4731.27 of the Revised Code or failure to fulfill the 3169  
responsibilities of collaboration after entering into a standard 3170  
care arrangement; 3171

(33) Failure to comply with the terms of a consult 3172  
agreement entered into with a pharmacist pursuant to section 3173  
4729.39 of the Revised Code; 3174

(34) Failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by 3175  
the board under division (F) of this section, including failure 3176  
to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the board or 3177  
failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the board 3178  
in an investigative interview, an investigative office 3179  
conference, at a deposition, or in written interrogatories, 3180  
except that failure to cooperate with an investigation shall not 3181  
constitute grounds for discipline under this section if a court 3182  
of competent jurisdiction has issued an order that either 3183  
quashes a subpoena or permits the individual to withhold the 3184  
testimony or evidence in issue; 3185

(35) Failure to supervise an oriental medicine 3186

practitioner or acupuncturist in accordance with Chapter 4762.	3187
of the Revised Code and the board's rules for providing that	3188
supervision;	3189
(36) Failure to supervise an anesthesiologist assistant in	3190
accordance with Chapter 4760. of the Revised Code and the	3191
board's rules for supervision of an anesthesiologist assistant;	3192
(37) Assisting suicide, as defined in section 3795.01 of	3193
the Revised Code;	3194
(38) Failure to comply with the requirements of section	3195
2317.561 of the Revised Code;	3196
(39) Failure to supervise a radiologist assistant in	3197
accordance with Chapter 4774. of the Revised Code and the	3198
board's rules for supervision of radiologist assistants;	3199
(40) Performing or inducing an abortion at an office or	3200
facility with knowledge that the office or facility fails to	3201
post the notice required under section 3701.791 of the Revised	3202
Code;	3203
(41) Failure to comply with the standards and procedures	3204
established in rules under section 4731.054 of the Revised Code	3205
for the operation of or the provision of care at a pain	3206
management clinic;	3207
(42) Failure to comply with the standards and procedures	3208
established in rules under section 4731.054 of the Revised Code	3209
for providing supervision, direction, and control of individuals	3210
at a pain management clinic;	3211
(43) Failure to comply with the requirements of section	3212
4729.79 or 4731.055 of the Revised Code, unless the state board	3213
of pharmacy no longer maintains a drug database pursuant to	3214

section 4729.75 of the Revised Code;	3215
(44) Failure to comply with the requirements of section 2919.171 of the Revised Code or failure to submit to the department of health in accordance with a court order a complete report as described in section 2919.171 of the Revised Code;	3216 3217 3218 3219
(45) Practicing at a facility that is subject to licensure as a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a pain management clinic classification unless the person operating the facility has obtained and maintains the license with the classification;	3220 3221 3222 3223 3224
(46) Owning a facility that is subject to licensure as a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a pain management clinic classification unless the facility is licensed with the classification;	3225 3226 3227 3228
(47) Failure to comply with the requirement regarding maintaining notes described in division (B) of section 2919.191 of the Revised Code or failure to satisfy the requirements of section 2919.191 of the Revised Code prior to performing or inducing an abortion upon a pregnant woman;	3229 3230 3231 3232 3233
(48) Failure to comply with the requirements in section 3719.061 of the Revised Code before issuing for a minor a prescription for an opioid analgesic, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code;	3234 3235 3236 3237
<u>(49) Practicing at a facility, clinic, or other location that is subject to licensure as a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with an office-based opioid treatment classification unless the person operating that place has obtained and maintains the license with the classification;</u>	3238 3239 3240 3241 3242
<u>(50) Owning a facility, clinic, or other location that is</u>	3243

subject to licensure as a category III terminal distributor of 3244  
dangerous drugs with an office-based opioid treatment 3245  
classification unless that place is licensed with the 3246  
classification. 3247

(C) Disciplinary actions taken by the board under 3248  
divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be taken pursuant to 3249  
an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except 3250  
that in lieu of an adjudication, the board may enter into a 3251  
consent agreement with an individual to resolve an allegation of 3252  
a violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under it. A 3253  
consent agreement, when ratified by an affirmative vote of not 3254  
fewer than six members of the board, shall constitute the 3255  
findings and order of the board with respect to the matter 3256  
addressed in the agreement. If the board refuses to ratify a 3257  
consent agreement, the admissions and findings contained in the 3258  
consent agreement shall be of no force or effect. 3259

A telephone conference call may be utilized for 3260  
ratification of a consent agreement that revokes or suspends an 3261  
individual's certificate to practice. The telephone conference 3262  
call shall be considered a special meeting under division (F) of 3263  
section 121.22 of the Revised Code. 3264

If the board takes disciplinary action against an 3265  
individual under division (B) of this section for a second or 3266  
subsequent plea of guilty to, or judicial finding of guilt of, a 3267  
violation of section 2919.123 of the Revised Code, the 3268  
disciplinary action shall consist of a suspension of the 3269  
individual's certificate to practice for a period of at least 3270  
one year or, if determined appropriate by the board, a more 3271  
serious sanction involving the individual's certificate to 3272  
practice. Any consent agreement entered into under this division 3273



with an individual that pertains to a second or subsequent plea 3274  
of guilty to, or judicial finding of guilt of, a violation of 3275  
that section shall provide for a suspension of the individual's 3276  
certificate to practice for a period of at least one year or, if 3277  
determined appropriate by the board, a more serious sanction 3278  
involving the individual's certificate to practice. 3279

(D) For purposes of divisions (B) (10), (12), and (14) of 3280  
this section, the commission of the act may be established by a 3281  
finding by the board, pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 3282  
119. of the Revised Code, that the individual committed the act. 3283  
The board does not have jurisdiction under those divisions if 3284  
the trial court renders a final judgment in the individual's 3285  
favor and that judgment is based upon an adjudication on the 3286  
merits. The board has jurisdiction under those divisions if the 3287  
trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or 3288  
procedural grounds. 3289

(E) The sealing of conviction records by any court shall 3290  
have no effect upon a prior board order entered under this 3291  
section or upon the board's jurisdiction to take action under 3292  
this section if, based upon a plea of guilty, a judicial finding 3293  
of guilt, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention 3294  
in lieu of conviction, the board issued a notice of opportunity 3295  
for a hearing prior to the court's order to seal the records. 3296  
The board shall not be required to seal, destroy, redact, or 3297  
otherwise modify its records to reflect the court's sealing of 3298  
conviction records. 3299

(F) (1) The board shall investigate evidence that appears 3300  
to show that a person has violated any provision of this chapter 3301  
or any rule adopted under it. Any person may report to the board 3302  
in a signed writing any information that the person may have 3303

that appears to show a violation of any provision of this 3304  
chapter or any rule adopted under it. In the absence of bad 3305  
faith, any person who reports information of that nature or who 3306  
testifies before the board in any adjudication conducted under 3307  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code shall not be liable in damages 3308  
in a civil action as a result of the report or testimony. Each 3309  
complaint or allegation of a violation received by the board 3310  
shall be assigned a case number and shall be recorded by the 3311  
board. 3312

(2) Investigations of alleged violations of this chapter 3313  
or any rule adopted under it shall be supervised by the 3314  
supervising member elected by the board in accordance with 3315  
section 4731.02 of the Revised Code and by the secretary as 3316  
provided in section 4731.39 of the Revised Code. The president 3317  
may designate another member of the board to supervise the 3318  
investigation in place of the supervising member. No member of 3319  
the board who supervises the investigation of a case shall 3320  
participate in further adjudication of the case. 3321

(3) In investigating a possible violation of this chapter 3322  
or any rule adopted under this chapter, or in conducting an 3323  
inspection under division (E) of section 4731.054 of the Revised 3324  
Code, the board may question witnesses, conduct interviews, 3325  
administer oaths, order the taking of depositions, inspect and 3326  
copy any books, accounts, papers, records, or documents, issue 3327  
subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses and production 3328  
of books, accounts, papers, records, documents, and testimony, 3329  
except that a subpoena for patient record information shall not 3330  
be issued without consultation with the attorney general's 3331  
office and approval of the secretary and supervising member of 3332  
the board. 3333

(a) Before issuance of a subpoena for patient record 3334  
information, the secretary and supervising member shall 3335  
determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the 3336  
complaint filed alleges a violation of this chapter or any rule 3337  
adopted under it and that the records sought are relevant to the 3338  
alleged violation and material to the investigation. The 3339  
subpoena may apply only to records that cover a reasonable 3340  
period of time surrounding the alleged violation. 3341

(b) On failure to comply with any subpoena issued by the 3342  
board and after reasonable notice to the person being 3343  
subpoenaed, the board may move for an order compelling the 3344  
production of persons or records pursuant to the Rules of Civil 3345  
Procedure. 3346

(c) A subpoena issued by the board may be served by a 3347  
sheriff, the sheriff's deputy, or a board employee designated by 3348  
the board. Service of a subpoena issued by the board may be made 3349  
by delivering a copy of the subpoena to the person named 3350  
therein, reading it to the person, or leaving it at the person's 3351  
usual place of residence, usual place of business, or address on 3352  
file with the board. When serving a subpoena to an applicant for 3353  
or the holder of a certificate issued under this chapter, 3354  
service of the subpoena may be made by certified mail, return 3355  
receipt requested, and the subpoena shall be deemed served on 3356  
the date delivery is made or the date the person refuses to 3357  
accept delivery. If the person being served refuses to accept 3358  
the subpoena or is not located, service may be made to an 3359  
attorney who notifies the board that the attorney is 3360  
representing the person. 3361

(d) A sheriff's deputy who serves a subpoena shall receive 3362  
the same fees as a sheriff. Each witness who appears before the 3363

board in obedience to a subpoena shall receive the fees and 3364  
mileage provided for under section 119.094 of the Revised Code. 3365

(4) All hearings, investigations, and inspections of the 3366  
board shall be considered civil actions for the purposes of 3367  
section 2305.252 of the Revised Code. 3368

(5) A report required to be submitted to the board under 3369  
this chapter, a complaint, or information received by the board 3370  
pursuant to an investigation or pursuant to an inspection under 3371  
division (E) of section 4731.054 of the Revised Code is 3372  
confidential and not subject to discovery in any civil action. 3373

The board shall conduct all investigations or inspections 3374  
and proceedings in a manner that protects the confidentiality of 3375  
patients and persons who file complaints with the board. The 3376  
board shall not make public the names or any other identifying 3377  
information about patients or complainants unless proper consent 3378  
is given or, in the case of a patient, a waiver of the patient 3379  
privilege exists under division (B) of section 2317.02 of the 3380  
Revised Code, except that consent or a waiver of that nature is 3381  
not required if the board possesses reliable and substantial 3382  
evidence that no bona fide physician-patient relationship 3383  
exists. 3384

The board may share any information it receives pursuant 3385  
to an investigation or inspection, including patient records and 3386  
patient record information, with law enforcement agencies, other 3387  
licensing boards, and other governmental agencies that are 3388  
prosecuting, adjudicating, or investigating alleged violations 3389  
of statutes or administrative rules. An agency or board that 3390  
receives the information shall comply with the same requirements 3391  
regarding confidentiality as those with which the state medical 3392  
board must comply, notwithstanding any conflicting provision of 3393

the Revised Code or procedure of the agency or board that 3394  
applies when it is dealing with other information in its 3395  
possession. In a judicial proceeding, the information may be 3396  
admitted into evidence only in accordance with the Rules of 3397  
Evidence, but the court shall require that appropriate measures 3398  
are taken to ensure that confidentiality is maintained with 3399  
respect to any part of the information that contains names or 3400  
other identifying information about patients or complainants 3401  
whose confidentiality was protected by the state medical board 3402  
when the information was in the board's possession. Measures to 3403  
ensure confidentiality that may be taken by the court include 3404  
sealing its records or deleting specific information from its 3405  
records. 3406

(6) On a quarterly basis, the board shall prepare a report 3407  
that documents the disposition of all cases during the preceding 3408  
three months. The report shall contain the following information 3409  
for each case with which the board has completed its activities: 3410

(a) The case number assigned to the complaint or alleged 3411  
violation; 3412

(b) The type of certificate to practice, if any, held by 3413  
the individual against whom the complaint is directed; 3414

(c) A description of the allegations contained in the 3415  
complaint; 3416

(d) The disposition of the case. 3417

The report shall state how many cases are still pending 3418  
and shall be prepared in a manner that protects the identity of 3419  
each person involved in each case. The report shall be a public 3420  
record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 3421

(G) If the secretary and supervising member determine both 3422

of the following, they may recommend that the board suspend an 3423  
individual's certificate to practice without a prior hearing: 3424

(1) That there is clear and convincing evidence that an 3425  
individual has violated division (B) of this section; 3426

(2) That the individual's continued practice presents a 3427  
danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. 3428

Written allegations shall be prepared for consideration by 3429  
the board. The board, upon review of those allegations and by an 3430  
affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, excluding 3431  
the secretary and supervising member, may suspend a certificate 3432  
without a prior hearing. A telephone conference call may be 3433  
utilized for reviewing the allegations and taking the vote on 3434  
the summary suspension. 3435

The board shall issue a written order of suspension by 3436  
certified mail or in person in accordance with section 119.07 of 3437  
the Revised Code. The order shall not be subject to suspension 3438  
by the court during pendency of any appeal filed under section 3439  
119.12 of the Revised Code. If the individual subject to the 3440  
summary suspension requests an adjudicatory hearing by the 3441  
board, the date set for the hearing shall be within fifteen 3442  
days, but not earlier than seven days, after the individual 3443  
requests the hearing, unless otherwise agreed to by both the 3444  
board and the individual. 3445

Any summary suspension imposed under this division shall 3446  
remain in effect, unless reversed on appeal, until a final 3447  
adjudicative order issued by the board pursuant to this section 3448  
and Chapter 119. of the Revised Code becomes effective. The 3449  
board shall issue its final adjudicative order within seventy- 3450  
five days after completion of its hearing. A failure to issue 3451

the order within seventy-five days shall result in dissolution 3452  
of the summary suspension order but shall not invalidate any 3453  
subsequent, final adjudicative order. 3454

(H) If the board takes action under division (B) (9), (11), 3455  
or (13) of this section and the judicial finding of guilt, 3456  
guilty plea, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention 3457  
in lieu of conviction is overturned on appeal, upon exhaustion 3458  
of the criminal appeal, a petition for reconsideration of the 3459  
order may be filed with the board along with appropriate court 3460  
documents. Upon receipt of a petition of that nature and 3461  
supporting court documents, the board shall reinstate the 3462  
individual's certificate to practice. The board may then hold an 3463  
adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to determine 3464  
whether the individual committed the act in question. Notice of 3465  
an opportunity for a hearing shall be given in accordance with 3466  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the board finds, pursuant 3467  
to an adjudication held under this division, that the individual 3468  
committed the act or if no hearing is requested, the board may 3469  
order any of the sanctions identified under division (B) of this 3470  
section. 3471

(I) The certificate to practice issued to an individual 3472  
under this chapter and the individual's practice in this state 3473  
are automatically suspended as of the date of the individual's 3474  
second or subsequent plea of guilty to, or judicial finding of 3475  
guilt of, a violation of section 2919.123 of the Revised Code, 3476  
or the date the individual pleads guilty to, is found by a judge 3477  
or jury to be guilty of, or is subject to a judicial finding of 3478  
eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction in this state 3479  
or treatment or intervention in lieu of conviction in another 3480  
jurisdiction for any of the following criminal offenses in this 3481  
state or a substantially equivalent criminal offense in another 3482

jurisdiction: aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, 3483  
felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross 3484  
sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery, or 3485  
aggravated burglary. Continued practice after suspension shall 3486  
be considered practicing without a certificate. 3487

The board shall notify the individual subject to the 3488  
suspension by certified mail or in person in accordance with 3489  
section 119.07 of the Revised Code. If an individual whose 3490  
certificate is automatically suspended under this division fails 3491  
to make a timely request for an adjudication under Chapter 119. 3492  
of the Revised Code, the board shall do whichever of the 3493  
following is applicable: 3494

(1) If the automatic suspension under this division is for 3495  
a second or subsequent plea of guilty to, or judicial finding of 3496  
guilt of, a violation of section 2919.123 of the Revised Code, 3497  
the board shall enter an order suspending the individual's 3498  
certificate to practice for a period of at least one year or, if 3499  
determined appropriate by the board, imposing a more serious 3500  
sanction involving the individual's certificate to practice. 3501

(2) In all circumstances in which division (I)(1) of this 3502  
section does not apply, enter a final order permanently revoking 3503  
the individual's certificate to practice. 3504

(J) If the board is required by Chapter 119. of the 3505  
Revised Code to give notice of an opportunity for a hearing and 3506  
if the individual subject to the notice does not timely request 3507  
a hearing in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, 3508  
the board is not required to hold a hearing, but may adopt, by 3509  
an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, a 3510  
final order that contains the board's findings. In that final 3511  
order, the board may order any of the sanctions identified under 3512



division (A) or (B) of this section. 3513

(K) Any action taken by the board under division (B) of 3514  
this section resulting in a suspension from practice shall be 3515  
accompanied by a written statement of the conditions under which 3516  
the individual's certificate to practice may be reinstated. The 3517  
board shall adopt rules governing conditions to be imposed for 3518  
reinstatement. Reinstatement of a certificate suspended pursuant 3519  
to division (B) of this section requires an affirmative vote of 3520  
not fewer than six members of the board. 3521

(L) When the board refuses to grant or issue a certificate 3522  
to practice to an applicant, revokes an individual's certificate 3523  
to practice, refuses to renew an individual's certificate to 3524  
practice, or refuses to reinstate an individual's certificate to 3525  
practice, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An 3526  
individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is 3527  
forever thereafter ineligible to hold a certificate to practice 3528  
and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement 3529  
of the certificate or for issuance of a new certificate. 3530

(M) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised 3531  
Code, all of the following apply: 3532

(1) The surrender of a certificate issued under this 3533  
chapter shall not be effective unless or until accepted by the 3534  
board. A telephone conference call may be utilized for 3535  
acceptance of the surrender of an individual's certificate to 3536  
practice. The telephone conference call shall be considered a 3537  
special meeting under division (F) of section 121.22 of the 3538  
Revised Code. Reinstatement of a certificate surrendered to the 3539  
board requires an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members 3540  
of the board. 3541

(2) An application for a certificate made under the 3542  
provisions of this chapter may not be withdrawn without approval 3543  
of the board. 3544

(3) Failure by an individual to renew a certificate to 3545  
practice in accordance with this chapter shall not remove or 3546  
limit the board's jurisdiction to take any disciplinary action 3547  
under this section against the individual. 3548

(4) At the request of the board, a certificate holder 3549  
shall immediately surrender to the board a certificate that the 3550  
board has suspended, revoked, or permanently revoked. 3551

(N) Sanctions shall not be imposed under division (B) (28) 3552  
of this section against any person who waives deductibles and 3553  
copayments as follows: 3554

(1) In compliance with the health benefit plan that 3555  
expressly allows such a practice. Waiver of the deductibles or 3556  
copayments shall be made only with the full knowledge and 3557  
consent of the plan purchaser, payer, and third-party 3558  
administrator. Documentation of the consent shall be made 3559  
available to the board upon request. 3560

(2) For professional services rendered to any other person 3561  
authorized to practice pursuant to this chapter, to the extent 3562  
allowed by this chapter and rules adopted by the board. 3563

(O) Under the board's investigative duties described in 3564  
this section and subject to division (F) of this section, the 3565  
board shall develop and implement a quality intervention program 3566  
designed to improve through remedial education the clinical and 3567  
communication skills of individuals authorized under this 3568  
chapter to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine 3569  
and surgery, and podiatric medicine and surgery. In developing 3570

and implementing the quality intervention program, the board may 3571  
do all of the following: 3572

(1) Offer in appropriate cases as determined by the board 3573  
an educational and assessment program pursuant to an 3574  
investigation the board conducts under this section; 3575

(2) Select providers of educational and assessment 3576  
services, including a quality intervention program panel of case 3577  
reviewers; 3578

(3) Make referrals to educational and assessment service 3579  
providers and approve individual educational programs 3580  
recommended by those providers. The board shall monitor the 3581  
progress of each individual undertaking a recommended individual 3582  
educational program. 3583

(4) Determine what constitutes successful completion of an 3584  
individual educational program and require further monitoring of 3585  
the individual who completed the program or other action that 3586  
the board determines to be appropriate; 3587

(5) Adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 3588  
Revised Code to further implement the quality intervention 3589  
program. 3590

An individual who participates in an individual 3591  
educational program pursuant to this division shall pay the 3592  
financial obligations arising from that educational program. 3593

**Sec. 4731.94.** (A) As used in this section and sections 3594  
4731.941 ~~and~~ , 4731.942, and 4731.943 of the Revised Code, 3595  
"physician" means an individual authorized under this chapter to 3596  
practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, 3597  
or podiatric medicine and surgery. 3598

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or rule 3599  
adopted by the state medical board, a physician may personally 3600  
furnish a supply of naloxone, or issue a prescription for 3601  
naloxone, without having examined the individual to whom it may 3602  
be administered if both of the following conditions are met: 3603

(1) The naloxone supply is furnished to, or the 3604  
prescription is issued to and in the name of, a family member, 3605  
friend, or other individual in a position to assist an 3606  
individual who there is reason to believe is at risk of 3607  
experiencing an opioid-related overdose. 3608

(2) The physician instructs the individual receiving the 3609  
naloxone supply or prescription to summon emergency services as 3610  
soon as practicable either before or after administering the 3611  
naloxone to an individual apparently experiencing an opioid- 3612  
related overdose. 3613

(C) A physician who under division (B) of this section in 3614  
good faith furnishes a supply of naloxone or issues a 3615  
prescription for naloxone is not liable for or subject to any of 3616  
the following for any ~~action~~act or omission of the individual 3617  
to whom the naloxone is furnished or the prescription is issued: 3618  
damages in any civil action, prosecution in any criminal 3619  
proceeding, or professional disciplinary action. 3620

**Sec. 4731.943.** (A) As used in this section, "service 3621  
entity" has the same meaning as in section 4729.514 of the 3622  
Revised Code. 3623

(B) A physician who has established a protocol under 3624  
division (D) of this section may authorize an individual who is 3625  
an employee, volunteer, or contractor of a service entity to 3626  
administer naloxone to an individual who is apparently 3627

experiencing an opioid-related overdose. 3628

(C) An individual authorized by a physician under this 3629  
section may administer naloxone to an individual who is 3630  
apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose if all of the 3631  
following conditions are met: 3632

(1) The naloxone is obtained from a service entity of 3633  
which the authorized individual is an employee, volunteer, or 3634  
contractor. 3635

(2) The authorized individual complies with the protocol 3636  
established by the authorizing physician. 3637

(3) The authorized individual summons emergency services 3638  
as soon as practicable either before or after administering the 3639  
naloxone. 3640

(D) A protocol established by a physician for purposes of 3641  
this section must be in writing and include all of the 3642  
following: 3643

(1) A description of the clinical pharmacology of 3644  
naloxone; 3645

(2) Precautions and contraindications concerning the 3646  
administration of naloxone; 3647

(3) Any limitations the physician specifies concerning the 3648  
individuals to whom naloxone may be administered; 3649

(4) The naloxone dosage that may be administered and any 3650  
variation in the dosage based on circumstances specified in the 3651  
protocol; 3652

(5) Labeling, storage, record-keeping, and administrative 3653  
requirements; 3654

(6) Training requirements that must be met before an individual can be authorized to administer naloxone. 3655  
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(E) A physician who in good faith authorizes an individual to administer naloxone under this section is not liable for or subject to any of the following for any act or omission of the authorized individual: damages in any civil action, prosecution in any criminal proceeding, or professional disciplinary action. 3657  
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A service entity or an employee, volunteer, or contractor of a service entity is not liable for or subject to any of the following for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or administering naloxone under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct: damages in any civil action, prosecution in any criminal proceeding, or professional disciplinary action. 3662  
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This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a service entity or an employee, volunteer, or contractor of a service entity may be entitled to under Chapter 2305. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state. 3671  
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**Sec. 4776.02.** (A) An applicant for an initial license or restored license from a licensing agency, a person seeking to satisfy the criteria for being a qualified pharmacy technician that are specified in section 4729.42 of the Revised Code, or a person seeking to satisfy the requirements to be an employee of a pain management clinic as specified in section 4729.552 of the Revised Code, or a person seeking to satisfy the requirements to be an employee of a facility, clinic, or other location that is subject to licensure as a category III terminal distributor of 3676  
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dangerous drugs with an office-based opioid treatment 3685  
classification under section 4729.553 of the Revised Code shall 3686  
submit a request to the bureau of criminal identification and 3687  
investigation for a criminal records check of the applicant or 3688  
person. The request shall be accompanied by a completed copy of 3689  
the form prescribed under division (C) (1) of section 109.572 of 3690  
the Revised Code, a set of fingerprint impressions obtained as 3691  
described in division (C) (2) of that section, and the fee 3692  
prescribed under division (C) (3) of that section. The applicant 3693  
or person shall ask the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 3694  
identification and investigation in the request to obtain from 3695  
the federal bureau of investigation any information it has 3696  
pertaining to the applicant or person. 3697

An applicant or person requesting a criminal records check 3698  
shall provide the bureau of criminal identification and 3699  
investigation with the applicant's or person's name and address 3700  
and, regarding an applicant, with the licensing agency's name 3701  
and address. 3702

(B) Upon receipt of the completed form, the set of 3703  
fingerprint impressions, and the fee provided for in division 3704  
(A) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of 3705  
criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a 3706  
criminal records check of the applicant or person under division 3707  
(B) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. Upon completion of 3708  
the criminal records check, the superintendent shall do 3709  
whichever of the following is applicable: 3710

(1) If the request was submitted by an applicant for an 3711  
initial license or restored license, report the results of the 3712  
criminal records check and any information the federal bureau of 3713  
investigation provides to the licensing agency identified in the 3714

request for a criminal records check; 3715

(2) If the request was submitted by ~~a person seeking to~~ 3716  
~~satisfy the criteria for being a qualified pharmacy technician~~ 3717  
~~that are specified in section 4729.42 of the Revised Code or a~~ 3718  
person seeking to satisfy the requirements to be an employee of 3719  
a pain management clinic ~~as specified in section 4729.552 of the~~ 3720  
~~Revised Code or a person seeking to satisfy the requirements to~~ 3721  
be an employee of a facility, clinic, or other location that is 3722  
subject to licensure as a category III terminal distributor of 3723  
dangerous drugs with an office-based opioid treatment 3724  
classification, do both of the following: 3725

(a) Report the results of the criminal records check and 3726  
any information the federal bureau of investigation provides to 3727  
the person who submitted the request; 3728

(b) Report the results of the portion of the criminal 3729  
records check performed by the bureau of criminal identification 3730  
and investigation under division (B)(1) of section 109.572 of 3731  
the Revised Code to the employer or potential employer specified 3732  
in the request of the person who submitted the request and send 3733  
a letter to that employer or potential employer regarding the 3734  
information provided by the federal bureau of investigation that 3735  
states ~~either that~~ whichever of the following is applicable: 3736

(i) That based on that information there is no record of 3737  
any conviction ~~or that;~~ 3738

(ii) That based on that information the person who 3739  
submitted the request may not meet the criteria that are 3740  
specified in section ~~4729.42~~4729.552 or 4729.553 of the Revised 3741  
Code, whichever is applicable. 3742

**Sec. 4776.04.** The results of any criminal records check 3743



conducted pursuant to a request made under this chapter and any 3744  
report containing those results, including any information the 3745  
federal bureau of investigation provides, are not public records 3746  
for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not 3747  
be made available to any person or for any purpose other than as 3748  
follows: 3749

(A) If the request for the criminal records check was 3750  
submitted by an applicant for an initial license or restored 3751  
license, as follows: 3752

(1) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal 3753  
identification and investigation shall make the results 3754  
available to the licensing agency for use in determining, under 3755  
the agency's authorizing chapter of the Revised Code, whether 3756  
the applicant who is the subject of the criminal records check 3757  
should be granted a license under that chapter. 3758

(2) The licensing agency shall make the results available 3759  
to the applicant who is the subject of the criminal records 3760  
check. 3761

(B) If the request for the criminal records check was 3762  
submitted by ~~a person seeking to satisfy the criteria for being~~ 3763  
~~a qualified pharmacy technician that are specified in section~~ 3764  
~~4729.42 of the Revised Code or a person seeking to satisfy the~~ 3765  
requirements to be an employee of a pain management clinic as 3766  
specified in section 4729.552 of the Revised Code or a person 3767  
seeking to satisfy the requirements to be an employee of a 3768  
facility, clinic, or other location that is subject to licensure 3769  
as a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with 3770  
an office-based opioid treatment classification, the 3771  
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 3772  
investigation shall make the results available in accordance 3773

with the following: 3774

(1) The superintendent shall make the results of the 3775  
criminal records check, including any information the federal 3776  
bureau of investigation provides, available to the person who 3777  
submitted the request and is the subject of the criminal records 3778  
check. 3779

(2) The superintendent shall make the results of the 3780  
portion of the criminal records check performed by the bureau of 3781  
criminal identification and investigation under division (B)(1) 3782  
of section 109.572 of the Revised Code available to the employer 3783  
or potential employer specified in the request of the person who 3784  
submitted the request and shall send a letter of the type 3785  
described in division (B)(2) of section 4776.02 of the Revised 3786  
Code to that employer or potential employer regarding the 3787  
information provided by the federal bureau of investigation that 3788  
contains one of the types of statements described in that 3789  
division. 3790

(C) If the request for the criminal records check was 3791  
submitted by an applicant for a trainee license under section 3792  
4776.021 of the Revised Code, as follows: 3793

(1) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal 3794  
identification and investigation shall make the results 3795  
available to the licensing agency or other agency identified in 3796  
division (B) of section 4776.021 of the Revised Code for use in 3797  
determining, under the agency's authorizing chapter of the 3798  
Revised Code and division (D) of section 4776.021 of the Revised 3799  
Code, whether the applicant who is the subject of the criminal 3800  
records check should be granted a trainee license under that 3801  
chapter and that division. 3802

(2) The licensing agency or other agency identified in 3803  
division (B) of section 4776.021 of the Revised Code shall make 3804  
the results available to the applicant who is the subject of the 3805  
criminal records check. 3806

**Sec. 5119.391.** (A) No community addiction services 3807  
provider shall employ methadone treatment or prescribe, 3808  
dispense, or administer methadone unless the program is licensed 3809  
under this section. No community addiction services provider 3810  
licensed under this section shall maintain methadone treatment 3811  
in a manner inconsistent with this section and the rules adopted 3812  
under it. 3813

(B) A community addiction services provider may apply to 3814  
the department of mental health and addiction services for a 3815  
license to maintain methadone treatment. The department shall 3816  
review all applications received. 3817

(C) The department may issue a license to maintain 3818  
methadone treatment to a community addiction services provider 3819  
only if all of the following apply: 3820

~~(1) The provider is operated by a private, nonprofit 3821  
organization or by a government entity;~~ 3822

~~(2) For at least two years immediately preceding the date 3823  
of application, the provider has been fully certified under 3824  
section 5119.36 of the Revised Code;~~ 3825

~~(3) The provider has not been denied a license to maintain 3826  
methadone treatment or had its license withdrawn or revoked 3827  
within the five-year period immediately preceding the date of 3828  
application;~~ 3829

~~(4)~~ (2) It affirmatively appears to the department that 3830  
the provider is adequately staffed and equipped to maintain 3831

methadone treatment; 3832

~~(5)~~ (3) It affirmatively appears to the department that 3833  
the provider will maintain methadone treatment in strict 3834  
compliance with section 3719.61 of the Revised Code, all other 3835  
laws relating to drug abuse, and the rules adopted by the 3836  
department; 3837

~~(6)~~ (4) Except as provided in division (D) of this section 3838  
and section 5119.392 of the Revised Code, there is no public or 3839  
private school, licensed child day-care center, or other child- 3840  
serving agency within a radius of five hundred linear feet of 3841  
the location where the program is to maintain methadone 3842  
treatment; 3843

(5) The provider meets any additional requirements 3844  
established by the department in rules adopted under division 3845  
(F) of this section. 3846

(D) The department may waive the requirement of division 3847  
(C) ~~(6)~~ (4) of this section if it receives, from each public or 3848  
private school, licensed child day-care center, or other child- 3849  
serving agency that is within the five hundred linear feet 3850  
radius of the location where the program is to maintain 3851  
methadone treatment, a letter of support for the location. The 3852  
department shall determine whether a letter of support is 3853  
satisfactory for purposes of waiving the requirement. 3854

(E) A license to maintain methadone treatment shall expire 3855  
one year from the date of issuance. Licenses may be renewed. 3856

(F) The department shall establish procedures and adopt 3857  
rules for licensing, inspection, and supervision of community 3858  
addiction services providers that maintain methadone treatment. 3859  
The rules shall establish standards for the control, storage, 3860

furnishing, use, and dispensing of methadone; prescribe minimum 3861  
standards for the operation of the methadone treatment component 3862  
of the provider's operations; and comply with federal laws and 3863  
regulations. 3864

All rules adopted under this division shall be adopted in 3865  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. All actions 3866  
taken by the department regarding the licensing of providers to 3867  
maintain methadone treatment shall be conducted in accordance 3868  
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except as provided in 3869  
division (L) of this section. 3870

(G) The department of mental health and addiction services 3871  
shall inspect all community addiction services providers 3872  
licensed to maintain methadone treatment. Inspections shall be 3873  
conducted at least annually and may be conducted more 3874  
frequently. No person or government entity shall interfere with 3875  
a state or local government official acting on behalf of the 3876  
department while conducting an inspection. 3877

(H) A community addiction services provider shall not 3878  
administer or dispense methadone in a tablet, powder, or 3879  
intravenous form. Methadone shall be administered or dispensed 3880  
only in a liquid form intended for ingestion. A services 3881  
provider shall not administer or dispense methadone to an 3882  
individual for pain or other medical reasons. 3883

(I) As used in this division, "program sponsor" means a 3884  
person who assumes responsibility for the operation and 3885  
employees of the methadone treatment component of a community 3886  
addiction services provider. 3887

A community addiction services provider shall not employ 3888  
an individual who receives methadone treatment from that 3889

services provider. A program shall not permit an individual to 3890  
act as a provider sponsor, medical director, or director of the 3891  
provider if the individual is receiving methadone treatment from 3892  
any community addiction services provider. 3893

(J) The department may issue orders to assure compliance 3894  
with section 3719.61 of the Revised Code, all other laws 3895  
relating to drug abuse, and the rules adopted under this 3896  
section. Subject to section 5119.27 of the Revised Code, the 3897  
department may hold hearings, require the production of relevant 3898  
matter, compel testimony, issue subpoenas, and make 3899  
adjudications. Upon failure of a person without lawful excuse to 3900  
obey a subpoena or to produce relevant matter, the department 3901  
may apply to a court of common pleas for an order compelling 3902  
compliance. 3903

(K) The department may refuse to issue, or may withdraw or 3904  
revoke, a license to maintain methadone treatment. A license may 3905  
be refused if a community addiction services provider does not 3906  
meet the requirements of division (C) of this section. A license 3907  
may be withdrawn at any time the department determines that the 3908  
program no longer meets the requirements for receiving the 3909  
license. A license may be revoked in accordance with division 3910  
(L) of this section. 3911

Once a license is issued under this section, the 3912  
department shall not consider the requirement of division (C) ~~(6)~~ 3913  
(4) of this section in determining whether to renew, withdraw, 3914  
or revoke the license or whether to reissue the license as a 3915  
result of a change in ownership. 3916

(L) If the department of mental health and addiction 3917  
services finds reasonable cause to believe that a community 3918  
addiction services provider licensed under this section is in 3919

violation of any provision of section 3719.61 of the Revised Code, or of any other state or federal law or rule relating to drug abuse, the department may issue an order immediately revoking the license, subject to division (M) of this section. The department shall set a date not more than fifteen days later than the date of the order of revocation for a hearing on the continuation or cancellation of the revocation. For good cause, the department may continue the hearing on application of any interested party. In conducting hearings, the department has all the authority and power set forth in division (J) of this section. Following the hearing, the department shall either confirm or cancel the revocation. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that the provider shall not be permitted to maintain methadone treatment pending the hearing or pending any appeal from an adjudication made as a result of the hearing. Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to the contrary, a court shall not stay or suspend any order of revocation issued by the director under this division pending judicial appeal.

(M) The department shall not revoke a license to maintain methadone treatment unless all services recipients receiving methadone treatment from the community addiction services provider are provided adequate substitute treatment. For purposes of this division, the department may transfer the services recipients to other programs licensed to maintain methadone treatment or replace any or all of the administrators and staff of the provider with representatives of the department who shall continue on a provisional basis the methadone treatment component of the program.

(N) Each time the department receives an application from

a community addiction services provider for a license to 3951  
maintain methadone treatment, issues or refuses to issue a 3952  
license, or withdraws or revokes a license, the department shall 3953  
notify the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health 3954  
services of each alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health 3955  
service district in which the provider operates. 3956

(O) Whenever it appears to the department from files, upon 3957  
complaint, or otherwise, that a community addiction services 3958  
provider has engaged in any practice declared to be illegal or 3959  
prohibited by section 3719.61 of the Revised Code, or any other 3960  
state or federal laws or regulations relating to drug abuse, or 3961  
when the department believes it to be in the best interest of 3962  
the public and necessary for the protection of the citizens of 3963  
the state, the department may request criminal proceedings by 3964  
laying before the prosecuting attorney of the proper county any 3965  
evidence of criminality which may come to its knowledge. 3966

(P) The department shall maintain a current list of 3967  
community addiction services providers licensed by the 3968  
department under this section and shall provide a copy of the 3969  
current list to a judge of a court of common pleas who requests 3970  
a copy for the use of the judge under division (H) of section 3971  
2925.03 of the Revised Code. The list of licensed community 3972  
addiction services providers shall identify each licensed 3973  
provider by its name, its address, and the county in which it is 3974  
located. 3975

**Sec. 5119.392.** (A) On application by a community addiction 3976  
services provider that has purchased or leased real property to 3977  
be used as the location of a methadone treatment program 3978  
licensed under section 5119.391 of the Revised Code, the 3979  
department of mental health and addiction services shall 3980



determine whether there is a public or private school, licensed 3981  
child day-care center, or other child-serving agency within a 3982  
radius of five hundred linear feet of the location of the 3983  
property. 3984

If it determines there is not a public or private school, 3985  
licensed child day-care center, or other child-serving agency 3986  
within a radius of five hundred linear feet of the location, the 3987  
department shall issue a declaration that the location is in 3988  
compliance with division (C) ~~(6)~~ (4) section 5119.391 of the 3989  
Revised Code. 3990

The declaration is valid for one year and shall be 3991  
extended for up to two six-month periods on application by the 3992  
provider to the department. 3993

The department shall provide to the provider either a copy 3994  
of the declaration or notice that the department has determined 3995  
that the location is not in compliance with division (C) ~~(6)~~ (4) 3996  
of section 5119.391 of the Revised Code. 3997

If, before expiration of the declaration and any 3998  
extensions, a community addiction services provider applies for 3999  
a license to maintain a methadone treatment program, the 4000  
department shall not consider the requirement of division (C) ~~(6)~~ 4001  
(4) of section 5119.391 of the Revised Code in determining 4002  
whether to issue the license. 4003

(B) A community addiction services provider that desires 4004  
to relocate a methadone treatment program licensed under section 4005  
5119.391 of the Revised Code may apply for and be granted a 4006  
declaration under division (A) of this section. If, before 4007  
expiration of the declaration and any extensions, the provider 4008  
applies for issuance of a license due to relocation, the 4009

department shall not consider the requirement of division (C) ~~(6)~~ 4010  
(4) of section 5119.391 of the Revised Code in determining 4011  
whether to reissue the license due to relocation. 4012

**Section 2.** That existing sections 2925.61, 2929.14, 4013  
2947.231, 3707.56, 3719.121, 3719.21, 4729.06, 4729.071, 4014  
4729.16, 4729.18, 4729.19, 4729.38, 4729.51, 4729.54, 4729.541, 4015  
4729.55, 4729.571, 4729.60, 4729.68, 4729.99, 4731.22, 4731.94, 4016  
4776.02, 4776.04, 5119.391, and 5119.392 and section 4729.42 of 4017  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4018

**Section 3.** That Sections 331.90 and 331.120 of Am. Sub. 4019  
H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly be amended to read as 4020  
follows: 4021

**Sec. 331.90.** MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT DRUG COURT 4022  
PROGRAM FOR SPECIALIZED DOCKET PROGRAMS 4023

(A) As used in this section: 4024

(1) "Medication-assisted treatment ~~(MAT)~~ drug court 4025  
program" or "MAT drug court program" means a session of any of 4026  
the following that holds initial or final certification from the 4027  
Supreme Court of Ohio as a specialized docket program for drugs: 4028  
a common pleas court, municipal court, or county court, or a 4029  
division of any of those courts. 4030

(2) "Prescriber" has the same meaning as in section 4031  
4729.01 of the Revised Code. 4032

(B) (1) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction 4033  
Services shall conduct a program to provide addiction treatment, 4034  
including medication-assisted treatment, to persons who are 4035  
offenders within the Criminal Justice System, eligible to 4036  
participate in a ~~MAT~~ medication-assisted treatment drug court 4037  
program, and are selected under this section to be participants 4038

in the program because of their dependence on opioids, alcohol, 4039  
or both. 4040

(2) The Department shall conduct the program in those 4041  
courts of Allen, Clinton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Gallia, 4042  
Hamilton, Hardin, Hocking, Jackson, Marion, Mercer, Montgomery, 4043  
Summit, and Warren counties that are conducting MAT drug court 4044  
programs. If in any of these counties there is no court 4045  
conducting a MAT drug court program, the Department shall 4046  
conduct the program in a court that is conducting a MAT drug 4047  
court program in another county. 4048

(3) In addition to conducting the program in accordance 4049  
with division (B)(2) of this section, the Department may conduct 4050  
the program in any court that is conducting a MAT drug court 4051  
program. 4052

(C) In conducting the program, the Department shall 4053  
collaborate with the Supreme Court, the Department of 4054  
Rehabilitation and Correction, and any agency of the state that 4055  
the Department determines may be of assistance in accomplishing 4056  
the objectives of the program. The Department may collaborate 4057  
with the boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health 4058  
services and with local law enforcement agencies that serve the 4059  
counties in which a court participating in the program is 4060  
located. 4061

(D) (1) A MAT drug court program shall select persons who 4062  
are criminal offenders to be participants in the program. A 4063  
person shall not be selected to be a participant unless the 4064  
person meets the legal and clinical eligibility criteria for the 4065  
MAT drug court program and is an active participant in the 4066  
program. 4067

(2) The total number of persons participating in a program 4068  
at any time shall not exceed one thousand five hundred, subject 4069  
to available funding, except that the Department of Mental 4070  
Health and Addiction Services may authorize the maximum number 4071  
to be exceeded in circumstances that the Department considers to 4072  
be appropriate. 4073

(3) After being enrolled in a MAT drug court program, a 4074  
participant shall comply with all requirements of the MAT drug 4075  
court program. 4076

(E) The treatment provided in a MAT drug court program 4077  
shall be provided by a community addiction services provider 4078  
that is certified under section 5119.36 of the Revised Code. In 4079  
serving as a community addiction services provider, ~~a both of~~ 4080  
the following apply: 4081

(1) The provider shall do all of the following: 4082

~~(1)(a)~~ Provide treatment based on an integrated service 4083  
delivery model that consists of the coordination of care between 4084  
a prescriber and the community addiction services provider; 4085

~~(2)(b)~~ Conduct professional, comprehensive substance abuse 4086  
and mental health diagnostic assessments of a person under 4087  
consideration for selection as a program participant to 4088  
determine whether the person would benefit from substance abuse 4089  
treatment and monitoring; 4090

~~(3)(c)~~ Determine, based on the assessment described in 4091  
division (E) ~~(2)(1)(b)~~ of this section, the treatment needs of 4092  
the participants served by the treatment provider; 4093

~~(4)(d)~~ Develop, for participants served by the treatment 4094  
provider, individualized goals and objectives; 4095

~~(5)~~(e) Provide access to the long-acting antagonist 4096  
therapies, partial agonist therapies, or both, that are included 4097  
in the program's medication-assisted treatment; 4098

~~(6)~~(f) Provide other types of therapies, including 4099  
psychosocial therapies, for both substance abuse and any 4100  
disorders that are considered by the treatment provider to be 4101  
co-occurring disorders; 4102

~~(7)~~(g) Monitor program compliance through the use of 4103  
regular drug testing, including urinalysis, of the participants 4104  
being served by the community addiction services provider. 4105

(2) The provider may provide access to time-limited 4106  
recovery supports. For purposes of this division: 4107

(a) A recovery support is a form of assistance intended to 4108  
help an individual with addiction or mental health needs, or a 4109  
member of the family of such an individual, to initiate and 4110  
sustain the individual's recovery from alcoholism, drug 4111  
addiction, or mental illness. 4112

(b) A recovery support does not include an addiction or 4113  
mental health treatment or prevention service. 4114

(F) In the case of medication-assisted treatment provided 4115  
under the program, all of the following conditions apply: 4116

(1) A drug may be used only if the drug has been approved 4117  
by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in 4118  
treating dependence on opioids, alcohol, or both, or for 4119  
preventing relapse into the use of opioids, alcohol, or both. 4120

(2) One or more drugs may be used, but each drug that is 4121  
used must constitute long-acting antagonist therapy or partial 4122  
agonist therapy. 4123

(3) If a drug constituting partial agonist therapy is 4124  
used, the program shall provide safeguards to minimize abuse and 4125  
diversion of the drug, including such safeguards as routine drug 4126  
testing of program participants. 4127

(G) It is anticipated and expected that drug courts will 4128  
expand their ability to serve more drug court participants as a 4129  
result of increased access to commercial or publicly funded 4130  
health insurance. In order to ensure that funds appropriated to 4131  
support this MAT drug court program are used in the most 4132  
efficient manner with a goal of enrolling the maximum number of 4133  
participants, the Medicaid Director with major Ohio healthcare 4134  
plans, shall develop plans consistent with this division. There 4135  
shall be no prior authorizations or step therapy for medication- 4136  
assisted treatment for participants in the MAT drug court 4137  
program. The plans developed under this division shall ensure 4138  
all of the following: 4139

(1) The development of an efficient and timely process for 4140  
review of eligibility for health benefits for all offenders 4141  
selected to participate in the MAT drug court program; 4142

(2) A rapid conversion to reimbursement for all healthcare 4143  
services by the participant's health insurance company following 4144  
approval for coverage of healthcare benefits; 4145

(3) The development of a consistent benefit package that 4146  
provides ready access to and reimbursement for essential 4147  
healthcare services including, but not limited to, primary 4148  
healthcare, alcohol and opiate detoxification services, 4149  
appropriate psychosocial services, and medication for long- 4150  
acting injectable antagonist therapies and partial agonist 4151  
therapies; 4152

(4) The development of guidelines that require the 4153  
provision of all treatment services, including medication, with 4154  
minimal administrative barriers and within a ~~timeframe~~time 4155  
frame that meets the requirements of individual patient care 4156  
plans. 4157

(H) A report of the findings obtained from the addiction 4158  
treatment pilot program established by Section 327.120 of Am. 4159  
Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly shall be prepared by 4160  
a research institution and include data derived from the drug 4161  
testing and performance measures used in the program. The 4162  
research institution shall complete its report not later than 4163  
December 31, 2015. Upon completion, the institution shall submit 4164  
the report to the Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, 4165  
President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of 4166  
Representatives, Department of Mental Health and Addiction 4167  
Services, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and any 4168  
other state agency that the Department of Mental Health and 4169  
Addiction Services collaborates with in conducting the program. 4170

(I) Within 90 days after the effective date of this 4171  
section, June 30, 2015, the Department shall select a research 4172  
institution with experience in evaluating multiple court systems 4173  
across jurisdictions in both rural and urban regions. The 4174  
research institution shall have demonstrated experience 4175  
evaluating the use of agonist and antagonist medication assisted 4176  
treatment in drug courts, a track record of scientific 4177  
publications, experience in health economics, and ethical and 4178  
patient selection and consent issues. The institution shall also 4179  
have an internal institutional review board. The institution 4180  
shall prepare the report described in division (J) of this 4181  
section. 4182

(J) A report of the findings obtained from the MAT drug 4183  
court program established under this section shall be prepared 4184  
by a research institution and include data derived from the drug 4185  
testing and performance measures used in the program. The 4186  
research institution shall complete its report not later than 4187  
June 30, 2017. Upon completion, the institution shall submit the 4188  
report to the Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, 4189  
President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of 4190  
Representatives, Department of Mental Health and Addiction 4191  
Services, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and any 4192  
other state agency that the Department of Mental Health and 4193  
Addiction Services collaborates with in conducting the program. 4194

(K) Of the foregoing appropriation item 336422, Criminal 4195  
Justice Services, not more than \$5.5 million in each fiscal year 4196  
shall be used to support the Medication-Assisted Treatment Drug 4197  
Court Program for Specialized Docket Programs. 4198

**Sec. 331.120. COMMUNITY INNOVATIONS** 4199

The foregoing appropriation item 336504, Community 4200  
Innovations, may be used by the Department of Mental Health and 4201  
Addiction Services to make targeted investments in programs, 4202  
projects, or systems operated by or under the authority of other 4203  
state agencies, governmental entities, or private not-for-profit 4204  
agencies that impact, or are impacted by, the operations and 4205  
functions of the Department, with the goal of achieving a net 4206  
reduction in expenditure of state general revenue funds and/or 4207  
improved outcomes for Ohio citizens without a net increase in 4208  
state general revenue fund spending. 4209

The Director shall identify and evaluate programs, 4210  
projects, or systems proposed or operated, in whole or in part, 4211  
outside of the authority of the Department, where targeted 4212



investment of these funds in the program, project, or system is 4213  
expected to decrease demand for the Department or other 4214  
resources funded with state general revenue funds, and/or to 4215  
measurably improve outcomes for Ohio citizens with mental 4216  
illness or with alcohol, drug, or gambling addictions. The 4217  
Director shall have discretion to transfer money from the 4218  
appropriation item to other state agencies, governmental 4219  
entities, or private not-for-profit agencies in amounts, and 4220  
subject to conditions, that the Director determines most likely 4221  
to achieve state savings and/or improved outcomes. Distribution 4222  
of moneys from this appropriation item shall not be subject to 4223  
sections 9.23 to 9.239 or Chapter 125. of the Revised Code. 4224

The Department shall enter into an agreement with each 4225  
recipient of community innovation funds, identifying: allowable 4226  
expenditure of the funds; other commitment of funds or other 4227  
resources to the program, project, or system; expected state 4228  
savings and/or improved outcomes and proposed mechanisms for 4229  
measurement of such savings or outcomes; and required reporting 4230  
regarding expenditure of funds and savings or outcomes achieved. 4231

Of the foregoing appropriation item 336504, Community 4232  
Innovations, up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used 4233  
to provide funding for community projects across the state that 4234  
focus on support for families, assisting families in avoiding 4235  
crisis, and crisis intervention. 4236

Of the foregoing appropriation item 336504, Community 4237  
Innovations, up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to 4238  
enhance access to Naloxone across the state for county health 4239  
departments to then disperse through a grant program to local 4240  
law enforcement, emergency personnel, and first responders. If 4241  
local law enforcement, emergency personnel, and first responders 4242

are not making use of the Naloxone grant, the county health 4243  
department may use grant funding to provide Naloxone through a 4244  
Project DAWN program within the county. 4245

Of the foregoing appropriation item 336504, Community 4246  
Innovations, up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used 4247  
to improve collaboration between local jails, state hospitals, 4248  
and community addiction and mental health services providers in 4249  
order to reduce transfers, improve safety and judicial oversight 4250  
as well as address capacity issues in both jails and state 4251  
hospitals. 4252

Of the foregoing appropriation item 336504, Community 4253  
Innovations, up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to 4254  
continue the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services 4255  
cross-agency efforts to share evidence-based practices that 4256  
encourage the use of trauma-informed care. 4257

Of the foregoing appropriation item 336504, Community 4258  
Innovations, up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used 4259  
to implement strategies to increase job opportunities, reduce 4260  
the number of positive drug screens, and improve workforce 4261  
readiness for individuals in recovery. 4262

**Section 4.** That existing Sections 331.90 and 331.120 of 4263  
Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly are hereby 4264  
repealed. 4265

**Section 5.** (A) Not later than 180 days after the effective 4266  
date of this section, the Department of Mental Health and 4267  
Addiction Services shall adopt rules pursuant to division (F) of 4268  
section 5119.391 of the Revised Code that revise the 4269  
requirements governing licensure of methadone treatment 4270  
providers. The rules shall include the following as requirements 4271

for licensure:	4272
(1) Being in good standing with the Medicaid program,	4273
Medicare program, and United States Drug Enforcement	4274
Administration;	4275
(2) Being in good standing in any other jurisdiction in	4276
which the community addiction services provider provides	4277
services that are comparable to the methadone treatment services	4278
authorized under section 5119.391 of the Revised Code;	4279
(3) The ability to meet treatment standards established in	4280
42 C.F.R. 8.12 and the accepted standards of medical care for	4281
opioid treatment services established by the American Society of	4282
Addiction Medicine.	4283
(B) Not later than two years after the effective date of	4284
this section, the Department shall conduct an analysis of unmet	4285
needs for methadone treatment in Ohio and the impact of the	4286
changes made by this act to division (C) of section 5119.391 of	4287
the Revised Code on the overall treatment capacity in Ohio. The	4288
Department shall complete a report of its findings not later	4289
than 180 days after beginning the analysis. The Department shall	4290
publish a copy of the report on its Internet web site.	4291
<b>Section 6.</b> (A) The amendment, enactment, or repeal of	4292
sections 3719.21, 4729.42, and 4729.95 and division (I) of	4293
section 4729.99 of the Revised Code take effect one year after	4294
the effective date of this section.	4295
The amendment of sections 5119.391 and 5119.392 of the	4296
Revised Code takes effect 180 days after the effective date of	4297
this section.	4298
(B) Notwithstanding sections 4776.02 and 4776.04 of the	4299
Revised Code, as amended by this act, the provisions of those	4300

sections that were in effect immediately prior to the effective 4301  
date of this act and referred to a person seeking to satisfy the 4302  
criteria for being a qualified pharmacy technician that are 4303  
specified in section 4729.42 of the Revised Code continue to 4304  
apply for one year after the effective date of this section as 4305  
if the provisions had not been removed from those sections by 4306  
this act. 4307

**Section 7.** Section 2925.61 of the Revised Code is 4308  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 4309  
by both Am. Sub. H.B. 4 and Sub. S.B. 110 of the 131st General 4310  
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 4311  
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 4312  
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 4313  
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 4314  
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 4315  
as presented in this act. 4316

Section 4729.16 of the Revised Code is presented in this 4317  
act as a composite of the section as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 4 4318  
of the 131st General Assembly and Am. Sub. H.B. 394 and Am. Sub. 4319  
S.B. 276, both of the 130th General Assembly. The General 4320  
Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 4321  
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 4322  
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 4323  
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 4324  
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 4325  
presented in this act. 4326