

**2021 Legislative Update
Board of Dentistry**

The following bill was enacted by the General Assembly during the 2021 legislative session and may impact the Board of Dentistry and/or the Board of Dentistry licensees:

Prescribers to Offer Prescription for Naloxone Hydrochloride & Provide Overdose Education, [S.571/Act 22](#)

The Act adds Section [44-53-361](#) to require a prescriber to offer a prescription for naloxone hydrochloride or another drug approved by the FDA for the complete or partial reversal of opioid depression to a patient if (a) the prescription is 50 or more MME of an opioid medication per day; (b) the opioid is prescribed concurrently with a prescription for benzodiazepine, or (c) patient presents with certain increased risk for overdose. The Act also requires a prescriber to offer the same patient, or the parent/guardian of a minor patient, overdose education. A prescriber who fails to comply with these requirements may be subject to discipline by the appropriate licensing board.

Effective Date: July 25, 2021

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