



Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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**Senate Bill 1099 – Emergency Services - Automated External Defibrillator
and
Naloxone Co-Location Initiative - Requirements for Public Buildings
Support**

NCADD-Maryland supports Senate Bill 1099. Naloxone is a life-saving antidote to an opioid overdose that Maryland has been making more and more accessible to all Marylanders who need it for themselves, for a loved one, and even for a stranger. A statewide standing order allows anyone to get naloxone from a pharmacy without a prescription. The STOP Program you all established requires many community-based organizations to become Overdose Response Programs and distribute naloxone widely.

Public health officials as well as family advocates who work with people every to find treatment and recovery supports, support the availability of naloxone in just about all public places, including employment locations, schools, restaurants, State office buildings – and yes, wherever automated external defibrillators are located.

We urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 1099.

The Maryland Affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD-Maryland) is a statewide organization that works to influence public and private policies on addiction, treatment, and recovery, reduce the stigma associated with the disease, and improve the understanding of addictions and the recovery process. We advocate for and with individuals and families who are affected by alcoholism and drug addiction.