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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The *Save a Life Act (Naloxone Kit Registration and Public Access), 2026* is enacted. The Act imposes certain requirements respecting the installation, maintenance, testing and availability of naloxone kits at designated premises. Designated premises include any premises at which a defibrillator is installed and any publicly accessible premises that are designated by the regulations.

The Act also requires naloxone kits at designated premises to be registered with the registrar within specified time periods, and requires prescribed persons to be notified of the registrations. Regulations may be made under the Act setting out details relating to the requirements under the Act.

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Preamble

Each year, more than 2,000 Ontarians die from opioid poisoning. Data indicates that for every opioid toxicity death, roughly 15 non-fatal overdoses may occur that require intervention with tools such as naloxone. Naloxone can safely be administered by bystanders to reverse opioid toxicities as they are occurring. Many opioid toxicity events are occurring in public places. Ensuring that naloxone kits are available to members of the public may prevent tragedies from occurring.

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

“Minister” means the member of the Executive Council to whom responsibility for the administration of this Act is assigned or transferred under the *Executive Council Act*; (“ministre”)

“naloxone kit” has the same meaning as in section 25.2 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*; (“trousse de naloxone”)

“regulations” means the regulations made under this Act; (“règlements”)

“prescribed” means prescribed by the regulations. (“prescrit”)

Designation of registrar

2 The Minister may designate a registrar for the purpose of this Act.

Designated premises

3 (1) The following are designated premises for the purpose of this Act:

1. Subject to any prescribed exceptions, any premises at which a person is required by law to ensure that a defibrillator is installed.
2. Subject to any prescribed exceptions, any premises at which a person elects to install a defibrillator.
3. Any other publicly accessible premises that are designated by the regulations.

Installation, etc., of naloxone kits

(2) Every person who owns or operates designated premises shall,

- (a) ensure that naloxone kits are installed at the premises in accordance with the regulations;
- (b) ensure that any naloxone kit installed at the premises is available for use in locations that facilitate easy access to the naloxone kit, as described in the regulations;

- (c) ensure that the location of a naloxone kit at the premises is appropriately indicated with signs in accordance with the regulations;
- (d) ensure that any naloxone kit installed at the premises is maintained and tested in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines and with any other guidelines as may be prescribed; and
- (e) ensure that training is undertaken by prescribed persons for the use of a naloxone kit, according to the prescribed training and education guidelines.

Registration of naloxone kit

4 (1) Every person who owns or operates designated premises at which a naloxone kit is installed shall register the naloxone kit with the registrar,

- (a) within 30 days after it is installed; or
- (b) if, on the day this subsection comes into force, the naloxone kit has already been installed, no later than 30 days after that day.

Naloxone kit moved or removed

(2) Subject to the regulations, if a naloxone kit registered with the registrar is moved to a different location at the designated premises, or is removed from the premises for any reason, the owner or operator of the premises must notify the registrar in accordance with the regulations.

Notification re naloxone kit

5 The registrar must, in accordance with the regulations, notify the prescribed persons about,

- (a) the registration of a naloxone kit under section 4; or
- (b) the subsequent moving of the naloxone kit to a different location within the premises or its removal from the premises.

Inspectors

6 (1) The Minister may appoint inspectors for the purposes of this Act.

Inspection

(2) An inspector may, without warrant and without notice, enter any premises that is not a dwelling at any reasonable time and conduct inspections for the purpose of determining compliance with the requirements under this Act.

Identification

(3) An inspector conducting an inspection shall produce, on request, evidence of his or her appointment.

Powers of inspector

(4) An inspector conducting an inspection may,

- (a) examine and make copies of a document or other thing that is relevant to the inspection;
- (b) search for or demand the production for inspection of a document, in a readable format, or other thing, that is relevant to the inspection;
- (c) remove a document or other thing that is relevant to the inspection for the purpose of making a copy, and return the document or other thing as promptly as reasonably possible; and
- (d) question a person on matters relevant to the inspection.

Copy admissible in evidence

(5) A copy of a document or other thing that purports to be certified by an inspector as being a true copy of the original is admissible in evidence to the same extent as the original and has the same evidentiary value as the document or other thing itself without proof of the signature or official character of the person appearing to have certified the copy.

Obstruction

(6) No person shall obstruct, hinder or interfere with or attempt to obstruct, hinder or interfere with an inspector conducting an inspection or refuse to answer questions on matters relevant to the inspection.

False information, etc.

(7) No person shall provide an inspector with information that the person knows to be false or misleading, or conceal or destroy anything that is relevant to an inspection.

Offence

7 (1) A person is guilty of an offence if the person,

- (a) contravenes a provision of this Act;
- (b) obstructs, hinders or interferes with or attempts to obstruct, hinder or interfere with an inspector conducting an inspection contrary to subsection 6 (6); or
- (c) provides false or misleading information to an inspector or conceals or destroys anything that is relevant to an inspection contrary to subsection 6 (7).

Penalty, individual

- (2) An individual who is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) is liable to the prescribed fine.

Penalty, corporation

- (3) A corporation that is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) is liable to the prescribed fine.

Same, officers and directors

- (4) An officer or director of a corporation who authorizes or permits the corporation to commit an offence under subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to the prescribed fine.

Crown bound

8 This Act binds the Crown.

Regulations

9 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

- (a) designating publicly accessible premises for the purposes of section 3;
- (b) governing the registration of naloxone kits;
- (c) prescribing and governing any matter that this Act describes as being prescribed, done in accordance with the regulations or provided for in the regulations;
- (d) governing the powers and duties of inspectors appointed for the purposes of this Act, the obligations of other persons in respect of inspections conducted by an inspector and the admissibility in court of evidence procured by the inspector;
- (e) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to effectively carry out the purposes of this Act.

Commencement

10 This Act comes into force six months after the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

11 The short title of this Act is the *Save a Life Act (Naloxone Kit Registration and Public Access), 2026*.