

The Connecticut General Assembly



REP. STEINBERG HAILS BILL ADDRESSING OPIOID ADDICTION

Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (D-Westport) is pleased to announce passage in the House of HB7052, a far-ranging bill which continues efforts to address opioid addiction.

“The opioid epidemic is a scourge, touching families in every town and city, across race, gender or socio-economic background,” **Rep. Steinberg** said. “I’m particularly gratified that this legislation reflects a truly bi-partisan effort and involved experts across the spectrum. I believe it will bring real progress to end this crisis.”

[House Bill #7052](#) addresses several areas related to opioid addiction including:

- Encouraging disposal and destruction of unused medication
- Exploring how to establish a consumer marketing and communications campaign
- Establishing a real-time online clearinghouse to identify available detox/recovery beds and other treatment programs
- Assuring insurance coverage for detoxification programs
- Reducing standard opioid prescribing limits for minors from 7 to 5 days
- Creating a voluntary non-opioid directive form, so people can choose not to take opioids
- Creating an opioid fact sheet for practitioners to facilitate face-to-face discussions with patients on risks and signs of addiction

“This bill moves Connecticut forward towards our goal to address opioid addiction and I look forward to Senate support,” **Rep. Steinberg** added.

The bill passed 146-0 and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Rep. Steinberg is House Chair of the Public Health Committee and serves on the Energy and Technology and Insurance and Real Estate Committees.

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