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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE OPIOID CRISIS IN  
102 COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROVIDING  
103 IMMUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE CLEAN SYRINGES  
104 THROUGH A CLEAN SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM, CREATING  
105 A SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY PILOT PROGRAM, ALLOWING  
106 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP POLICIES FOR THE SUPPLY AND  
107 ADMINISTRATION OF OPIATE ANTAGONISTS, AND REQUIRING THE  
108 COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE TO STUDY  
109 CERTAIN TOPICS RELATED TO SENTENCING FOR  
110 OPIOID-RELATED OFFENSES.

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

*not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Interim Study Committee.** The bill:

- ! Specifies that hospitals may be used as clean syringe exchange sites (**section 1**);
- ! Provides civil immunity for participants of a clean syringe exchange program (**section 1**);
- ! Creates a supervised injection facility pilot program in the city and county of Denver and provides civil and criminal immunity for the approved supervised injection facility (**sections 2 through 4**);
- ! Allows school districts and nonpublic schools to develop a policy by which schools are allowed to obtain a supply of opiate antagonists and school employees are trained to administer opiate antagonists to individuals at risk of experiencing a drug overdose (**sections 5 through 11**); and
- ! Requires the commission on criminal and juvenile justice to study certain topics related to sentencing for opioid-related offenses (**section 12**).

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1-520, **add** (2.5)  
3 and (7) as follows:

4 **25-1-520. Clean syringe exchange programs - approval -**  
5 **reporting requirements.** (2.5) A PROGRAM DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO  
6 THIS SECTION MAY BE OPERATED IN A HOSPITAL LICENSED OR CERTIFIED  
7 BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-103 (1)(a).

8 (7) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES A CLEAN SYRINGE IN  
9 ACCORDANCE WITH A CLEAN SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED  
10 UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY CIVIL DAMAGES RESULTING  
11 FROM THE ACT.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-1-521 as

1 follows:

2 **25-1-521. Supervised injection facility pilot program -**  
3 **approval - immunity - reporting requirements - definitions - repeal.**

4 (1) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY  
5 PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW A PROCESS FOR APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING  
6 A SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER.  
7 THE DENVER PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY MAY SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE  
8 DENVER BOARD OF HEALTH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS  
9 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, TO OPERATE A SUPERVISED  
10 INJECTION FACILITY AS A PART OF AN APPROVED CLEAN SYRINGE  
11 EXCHANGE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO  
12 SECTION 25-1-520. THE DENVER PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY MAY CONTRACT  
13 WITH A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OPERATING ITS CLEAN SYRINGE  
14 EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO OPERATE AN APPROVED SYRINGE INJECTION  
15 FACILITY.

16 (2) PRIOR TO APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING A SUPERVISED  
17 INJECTION FACILITY, THE BOARD SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DENVER  
18 PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY AND INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNING  
19 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FACILITY. INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS MUST  
20 INCLUDE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS,  
21 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT PROVIDERS, PERSONS WITH A  
22 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER IN REMISSION, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,  
23 HEPATITIS C AND HIV ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
24 COMMUNITY.

25 (3) THE BOARD MAY APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PROPOSED  
26 SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEETINGS  
27 HELD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT THE

1 BOARD MAY APPROVE, AND THE DENVER PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY MAY  
2 OPERATE, ONLY ONE SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY WITHIN THE CITY  
3 AND COUNTY OF DENVER DURING THE PILOT PROGRAM.

4 (4) **Immunity.** (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A  
5 PERSON PARTICIPATING AS AN EMPLOYEE, VOLUNTEER, OR PARTICIPANT  
6 IN AN APPROVED SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY  
7 CIVIL DAMAGES OR CRIMINAL PENALTIES RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION.

8 (b) A SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY OPERATING PURSUANT TO  
9 THIS SECTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR PURPOSES  
10 OF SECTIONS 16-13-303 TO 16-13-306.

11 (5) NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2021, THE DENVER PUBLIC  
12 HEALTH AGENCY OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATES A  
13 SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL  
14 PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON  
15 HEALTH, INSURANCE, AND ENVIRONMENT AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
16 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, THAT  
17 INCLUDES:

18 (a) THE NUMBER OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS;

19 (b) AGGREGATE INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHARACTERISTICS  
20 OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS;

21 (c) THE NUMBER OF SYRINGES DISTRIBUTED FOR USE ON SITE;

22 (d) THE NUMBER OF OVERDOSES EXPERIENCED AND REVERSED ON  
23 SITE; AND

24 (e) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY AND FORMALLY  
25 REFERRED TO OTHER SERVICES AND THE TYPE OF SERVICE.

26 (6) IF THE BOARD APPROVES A SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY  
27 THAT IS OPERATED THROUGH A CONTRACT WITH A NONPROFIT

1 ORGANIZATION, THE CONTRACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW  
2 AND SHALL BE RENEWED ONLY IF THE BOARD APPROVES THE CONTRACT  
3 AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DENVER PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY AND  
4 INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
5 SECTION.

6 (7) A SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY OPERATED PURSUANT TO  
7 THIS SECTION MUST MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25-1-520 (2).

8 (8) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

9 (a) "BOARD" OR "DENVER BOARD OF HEALTH" MEANS THE BOARD  
10 OF HEALTH FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER.

11 (b) "DENVER PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY" MEANS THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
12 AGENCY FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER.

13 (c) "SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY" MEANS A FACILITY:

14 (I) DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO INJECT  
15 PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED DRUGS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF HEALTH CARE  
16 PROFESSIONALS OR OTHER TRAINED STAFF; AND

17 (II) THAT MAY PROVIDE OTHER RELATED SERVICES INCLUDING  
18 SYRINGE ACCESS, OVERDOSE PREVENTION, AND REFERRALS TO SUBSTANCE  
19 USE DISORDER TREATMENT AND OTHER SERVICES.

20 (9) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1-508, **add** (5)(m)  
22 as follows:

23 **25-1-508. County or district boards of public health - public**  
24 **health directors - repeal.** (5) In addition to all other powers and duties  
25 conferred and imposed upon a county board of health or a district board  
26 of health by the provisions of this subpart 3, a county board of health or  
27 a district board of health shall have and exercise the following specific

1 powers and duties:

2 (m) (I) TO APPROVE, AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 25-1-521, A  
3 SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY PROPOSED BY AN AGENCY. A COUNTY  
4 BOARD OF HEALTH OR DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
5 APPROVE A PROPOSED PROGRAM.

6 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (5)(m) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER  
7 1, 2022.

8 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 18-18-430.5  
9 as follows:

10 **18-18-430.5. Drug paraphernalia - exemption - repeal.** (1) A  
11 person shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 18-18-425 to  
12 18-18-430 if he or she is participating as an employee, volunteer, or  
13 participant in:

14 (a) An approved syringe exchange program created pursuant to  
15 section 25-1-520; ~~C.R.S.~~ OR

16 (b) (I) A SUPERVISED INJECTION FACILITY CREATED PURSUANT TO  
17 SECTION 25-1-521.

18 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER  
19 1, 2022.

20 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-36-117.7, **amend**  
21 (1) introductory portion, (1)(c), (1)(d), and (3)(c); and **add** (1)(e) and  
22 (6)(f.5) as follows:

23 **12-36-117.7. Prescribing opiate antagonists - definitions.** (1) A  
24 physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE  
25 36 may prescribe or dispense, directly or in accordance with standing  
26 orders and protocols, an opiate antagonist to:

27 (c) An employee or volunteer of a harm reduction organization;

1 or

2 (d) A first responder; OR

3 (e) AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A SCHOOL.

4 (3) A licensed physician or physician assistant does not engage in  
5 unprofessional conduct pursuant to section 12-36-117 if the physician or  
6 physician assistant issues standing orders and protocols regarding opiate  
7 antagonists or prescribes or dispenses an opiate antagonist in a good-faith  
8 effort to assist:

9 (c) A first responder, or an employee or volunteer of a harm  
10 reduction organization, OR AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A SCHOOL in  
11 responding to, treating, or otherwise assisting an individual who is  
12 experiencing or is at risk of experiencing an opiate-related drug overdose  
13 event or a friend, family member, or other person in a position to assist  
14 an at-risk individual.

15 (6) As used in this section:

16 (f.5) "SCHOOL" MEANS AN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY PUBLIC  
17 OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL WHOSE GOVERNING AUTHORITY HAS ADOPTED AND  
18 IMPLEMENTED A POLICY PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-1-119.1.

19 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-38-125.5, **amend**  
20 (1)(c), (1)(d), and (3)(c); and **add** (1)(e) and (6)(f.5) as follows:

21 **12-38-125.5. Prescribing opiate antagonists - definitions.**

22 (1) An advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority pursuant to  
23 section 12-38-111.6 may prescribe or dispense, directly or in accordance  
24 with standing orders and protocols, an opiate antagonist to:

25 (c) An employee or volunteer of a harm reduction organization;

26 or

27 (d) A first responder; OR

1 (e) AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A SCHOOL.

2 (3) An advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority does  
3 not engage in conduct that is grounds for discipline pursuant to section  
4 12-38-117 if the advanced practice nurse issues standing orders and  
5 protocols regarding opiate antagonists or prescribes or dispenses an opiate  
6 antagonist in a good-faith effort to assist:

7 (c) A first responder, ~~or~~ an employee or volunteer of a harm  
8 reduction organization, OR AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A SCHOOL in  
9 responding to, treating, or otherwise assisting an individual who is  
10 experiencing or is at risk of experiencing an opiate-related drug overdose  
11 event or a friend, family member, or other person in a position to assist  
12 an at-risk individual.

13 (6) As used in this section:

14 (f.5) "SCHOOL" MEANS AN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY PUBLIC  
15 OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL WHOSE GOVERNING AUTHORITY HAS ADOPTED AND  
16 IMPLEMENTED A POLICY PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-1-119.1.

17 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-42.5-105, **amend**  
18 (2) as follows:

19 **12-42.5-105. Rules.** (2) On or before January 1, ~~2016~~ 2019, the  
20 board shall adopt or amend rules as necessary to permit the dispensing of  
21 an opiate antagonist in accordance with section 12-42.5-120 (3).

22 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-42.5-120, **amend**  
23 (3)(a)(III), (3)(a)(IV), (3)(c)(I)(C), (3)(d)(I) introductory portion, and  
24 (3)(d)(III); and **add** (3)(a)(V) and (3)(e)(VI.5) as follows:

25 **12-42.5-120. Prescription required - exception - dispensing**  
26 **opiate antagonists - definitions.** (3) (a) A pharmacist may dispense,  
27 pursuant to an order or standing orders and protocols, an opiate antagonist



1 to:

2 (III) An employee or volunteer of a harm reduction organization;

3 or

4 (IV) A first responder; OR

5 (V) AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A SCHOOL.

6 (c) (I) A pharmacist does not engage in unprofessional conduct  
7 pursuant to section 12-42.5-123 if the pharmacist dispenses, pursuant to  
8 an order or standing orders and protocols, an opiate antagonist in a  
9 good-faith effort to assist:

10 (C) A first responder, or an employee or volunteer of a harm  
11 reduction organization, OR AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A SCHOOL in  
12 responding to, treating, or otherwise assisting an individual who is  
13 experiencing or is at risk of experiencing an opiate-related drug overdose  
14 event or a friend, family member, or other person in a position to assist  
15 an at-risk individual.

16 (d) (I) A first responder, or an employee or volunteer of a harm  
17 reduction organization, OR AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A SCHOOL may,  
18 pursuant to an order or standing orders and protocols:

19 (III) A first responder, or an employee or volunteer of a harm  
20 reduction organization, OR AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A SCHOOL acting  
21 in accordance with this paragraph (d) SUBSECTION (3)(d) is not subject to  
22 civil liability or criminal prosecution, as specified in sections 13-21-108.7  
23 (3) and 18-1-712 (2), ~~C.R.S.~~, respectively.

24 (e) As used in this section:

25 (VI.5) "SCHOOL" MEANS AN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY PUBLIC  
26 OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL WHOSE GOVERNING AUTHORITY HAS ADOPTED AND  
27 IMPLEMENTED A POLICY PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-1-119.1.

1           **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-1-119.1** as  
2 follows:

3           **22-1-119.1. Policy for employee and agent possession and**  
4 **administration of opiate antagonists - definitions.** (1) A SCHOOL  
5 DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL, THE STATE CHARTER  
6 SCHOOL INSTITUTE FOR AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, OR THE  
7 GOVERNING BOARD OF A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MAY ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT  
8 A POLICY WHEREBY:

9           (a) SCHOOLS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION MAY ACQUIRE AND  
10 MAINTAIN A STOCK SUPPLY OF OPIATE ANTAGONISTS; AND

11           (b) EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS OF THE SCHOOL MAY, AFTER  
12 RECEIVING APPROPRIATE TRAINING, ADMINISTER AN OPIATE ANTAGONIST  
13 ON SCHOOL GROUNDS TO ASSIST AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT RISK OF  
14 EXPERIENCING AN OPIATE-RELATED DRUG OVERDOSE EVENT.

15           (2) A POLICY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE  
16 TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES CONCERNING THE  
17 RISK FACTORS FOR OVERDOSE, RECOGNIZING AN OVERDOSE, CALLING  
18 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, RESCUE BREATHING, AND ADMINISTERING  
19 AN OPIATE ANTAGONIST.

20           (3) AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A SCHOOL ACTING IN ACCORDANCE  
21 WITH A POLICY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO  
22 CIVIL LIABILITY OR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, AS SPECIFIED IN SECTIONS  
23 13-21-108.7 (3) AND 18-1-712 (2), RESPECTIVELY.

24           (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

25           (a) "OPIATE ANTAGONIST" MEANS NALOXONE HYDROCHLORIDE OR  
26 ANY SIMILARLY ACTING DRUG THAT IS NOT A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE  
27 AND THAT IS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG

1 ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF A DRUG OVERDOSE.

2 (b) "OPIATE-RELATED DRUG OVERDOSE EVENT" MEANS AN ACUTE  
3 CONDITION, INCLUDING A DECREASED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS OR  
4 RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION, THAT:

5 (I) RESULTS FROM THE CONSUMPTION OR USE OF A CONTROLLED  
6 SUBSTANCE OR ANOTHER SUBSTANCE WITH WHICH A CONTROLLED  
7 SUBSTANCE WAS COMBINED;

8 (II) A LAYPERSON WOULD REASONABLY BELIEVE TO BE CAUSED BY  
9 AN OPIATE-RELATED DRUG OVERDOSE EVENT; AND

10 (III) REQUIRES MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

11 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-21-108.7,  
12 **amend** (3) as follows:

13 **13-21-108.7. Persons rendering emergency assistance through**  
14 **the administration of an opiate antagonist - limited immunity -**  
15 **legislative declaration - definitions. (3) General immunity.** A person,  
16 other than a health care provider or a health care facility, who acts in  
17 good faith to furnish or administer an opiate antagonist to an individual  
18 the person believes to be suffering an opiate-related drug overdose event  
19 or to an individual who is in a position to assist the individual at risk of  
20 experiencing an opiate-related overdose event is not liable for any civil  
21 damages for acts or omissions made as a result of the act. This subsection  
22 (3) also applies to a first responder, ~~or~~ an employee or volunteer of a harm  
23 reduction organization, OR AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A SCHOOL acting  
24 in accordance with section 12-42.5-120 (3)(d). ~~C.R.S.~~

25 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1-712, **amend**  
26 (2) as follows:

27 **18-1-712. Immunity for a person who administers an opiate**

1 **antagonist during an opiate-related drug overdose event - definitions.**

2 (2) **General immunity.** A person, other than a health care provider or a  
3 health care facility, who acts in good faith to furnish or administer an  
4 opiate antagonist to an individual the person believes to be suffering an  
5 opiate-related drug overdose event or to an individual who is in a position  
6 to assist the individual at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose  
7 event is immune from criminal prosecution for the act. This subsection  
8 (2) also applies to a first responder, ~~or~~ an employee or volunteer of a harm  
9 reduction organization, ~~OR AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A SCHOOL~~ acting  
10 in accordance with section 12-42.5-120 (3)(d). ~~C.R.S.~~

11 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 16-11.3-103.7  
12 as follows:

13 **16-11.3-103.7. Study of penalties related to opioids and**  
14 **synthetic opioids - repeal.** (1) AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, THE  
15 COMMISSION SHALL STUDY CRIMINAL PENALTIES RELATED TO OPIOIDS AND  
16 SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS, AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-18-204 (2), TO  
17 DETERMINE:

18 (a) THE EFFICACY OF CRIMINAL PENALTIES RELATED TO THE  
19 UNLAWFUL MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION, DISPENSING, AND SALE OF  
20 CARFENTANYL, FENTANYL, AND OTHER SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS; AND

21 (b) THE EXTENT TO WHICH CURRENT CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE  
22 UNLAWFUL USE AND POSSESSION OF OPIOIDS AND SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS  
23 IMPACT THE ABILITY OF A PERSON WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TO  
24 SEEK TREATMENT.

25 (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE ITS FINDINGS AND ANY  
26 RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON ITS FINDINGS IN THE ANNUAL REPORT  
27 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 16-11.3-103 (2)(c).

1           (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

2           **SECTION 13. Applicability.** This act applies to offenses  
3 committed on or after the effective date of this act.

4           **SECTION 14. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.