



AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF NECESSARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR DRUG-DEPENDENT PERSONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-36i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) There is established and created an account of the General Fund
4 to be known as the "drug assets forfeiture revolving account" for the
5 purpose of providing funds for substance abuse treatment and
6 education programs and for use in the detection, investigation,
7 apprehension and prosecution of persons for the violation of the laws
8 pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution or possession of
9 controlled substances.

10 (b) The account shall consist of the proceeds from the sale of
11 property and moneys received and deposited pursuant to section 54-
12 36h.

13 (c) [Moneys] Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section,
14 moneys in such account shall be distributed as follows: (1) Seventy per
15 cent shall be allocated to the Department of Emergency Services and
16 Public Protection and local police departments pursuant to subsection
17 (d) of this section, fifteen per cent of which shall be used for purposes
18 of drug education and eighty-five per cent of which shall be used for
19 the detection, investigation, apprehension and prosecution of persons

20 for the violation of laws pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale,
21 distribution or possession of controlled substances and for the
22 purposes of police training on gang-related violence as required by
23 section 7-294l, (2) twenty per cent shall be allocated to the Department
24 of Mental Health and Addiction Services for substance abuse
25 treatment and education programs and tobacco prevention and
26 enforcement positions engaged in compliance activities as required by
27 the federal government as a condition of receipt of substance abuse
28 prevention and treatment block grant funds, and (3) ten per cent shall
29 be allocated to the Division of Criminal Justice for use in the
30 prosecution of persons for the violation of laws pertaining to the illegal
31 manufacture, sale, distribution or possession of controlled substances.

32 (d) Expenditures from the account allocated to the Department of
33 Emergency Services and Public Protection and local police
34 departments shall be authorized by a panel composed of: (1) The
35 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection or his
36 designee, (2) the commander of the state-wide narcotics task force or
37 his designee, and (3) the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs
38 Association or his designee. The panel shall adopt procedures for the
39 orderly authorization of expenditures, subject to the approval of the
40 Comptroller. Such expenditures may be authorized only to the
41 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and to
42 organized local police departments within this state. Such
43 expenditures shall be held by the Department of Emergency Services
44 and Public Protection and the various organized local police
45 departments in accounts or funds established for that purpose. In no
46 event shall the expenditures be placed in a state or town general fund
47 and in no event shall the expenditures be used for purposes other than
48 those provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section. The
49 panel shall ensure the equitable allocation of expenditures to the
50 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or any local
51 police department which participated directly in any of the acts which
52 led to the seizure or forfeiture of the property so as to reflect generally
53 the contribution of said department or such local police department in

54 such acts. The panel shall authorize expenditures from the account for
55 the reimbursement of any organized local police department which
56 has used its own funds in the detection, investigation, apprehension
57 and prosecution of persons for the violation of laws pertaining to the
58 illegal manufacture, sale, distribution or possession of controlled
59 substances and which makes application to the panel for
60 reimbursement.

61 (e) Moneys remaining in the drug assets forfeiture revolving
62 account at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund
63 but shall remain in the revolving account [to be used for the purposes
64 set forth in this section] and be allocated to the Department of Mental
65 Health and Addiction Services for the provision of inpatient treatment
66 services for drug-dependent persons at facilities operated by or under
67 contract with the department.

68 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) The Probate Court
69 Administrator shall, within available appropriations, prepare and
70 distribute informational materials that are designed to inform the
71 public of Probate Court procedures that may be of assistance in
72 securing necessary medical treatment for a drug-dependent person.
73 Such informational materials shall include, but not be limited to, a
74 description of the Probate Court procedures set forth in section 17a-685
75 of the general statutes and the conservatorship process set forth in
76 sections 45a-644 to 45a-663, inclusive, of the general statutes. The
77 Probate Court Administrator shall make such informational materials
78 available in written form in each Probate Court in the state and on the
79 Internet web site of the office of the Probate Court Administrator.

80 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Probate Court Administrator shall
81 review all existing Probate Court procedures that may be of assistance
82 in securing necessary medical treatment for drug-dependent persons.
83 On or before February 1, 2020, the Probate Court Administrator shall
84 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
85 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
86 having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and public

87 health on enhancements that could be made to Probate Court
88 procedures to better serve drug-dependent persons, and the family
89 and friends of such persons, in securing necessary medical treatment
90 for such persons.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	54-36i
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

APP *Joint Favorable*