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HOUSE MOVES TO REGULATE PHYSICIANS' DRUG

ADVERTS The advertising of opiates within doctors' offices would be regulated under an amendment added to a House opioid abuse bill on Wednesday. Methuen Democrat Diana DiZoglio's amendment directs the Department of Public Health to develop rules and regulations for advertising certain drugs on their premises. The regulations would apply to opiates, narcotics and benzodiazepines. On a similar voice-vote without debate, the House adopted an amendment sponsored by Shrewsbury Republican Rep. Hannah Kane, which would direct the Department of Public Health to recommend each municipality designate a location to safely dispose of prescription drugs.

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