

Test your knowledge about Canada's Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act!

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¹ While the GSDOA does not apply in this way, the BC Good Samaritan Act does.