

HB 539 -- IMMUNITY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

SPONSOR: Lynch

This bill specifies that an individual who, in good faith, seeks medical assistance for someone who is experiencing a drug or alcohol overdose or other medical emergency, including seeking assistance for himself or herself in these instances, or if the individual is the subject of a good faith request must not be arrested, charged, prosecuted, convicted, or have his or her property subject to civil forfeiture or otherwise be penalized for certain specified offenses if the evidence for the arrest, charge, prosecution conviction, seizure, or penalty was gained as a result of seeking medical assistance.

In any criminal prosecution for which immunity is not provided under these provisions, the court must consider the act of seeking medical assistance as a mitigating factor.