

HB 294 -- IMMUNITY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Lynch)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety

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 shall 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. The bill also requires any police officer who is in contact with any person who is in need of emergency medical assistance because of a drug or alcohol overdose to provide appropriate information and resources for substance-related assistance.

This bill is similar to HB 1569 (2016).