

Subject Providing immunity for individuals assisting another to seek assistance for a drug-related overdose

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Overview

Minnesota law establishes immunities for certain individuals who attempt to aid someone in need of medical assistance. These “Good Samaritan” laws include offering immunity to people who assist at the scene of an emergency or hazardous materials incident, and also to individuals who seek emergency assistance for victims of a sexual assault or someone experiencing a drug-related overdose. Under current law, the immunity for someone seeking emergency assistance for a person experiencing a drug-related overdose is limited to the first person who seeks assistance for the individual experiencing the overdose, only applies to certain offenses related to possession or use of a controlled substance, and only applies if the person seeking assistance provides contact information and remains at the scene of the incident.

This bill expands the Good Samaritan protections for those seeking emergency assistance for someone experiencing a drug-related overdose to include individuals acting in concert with the person who makes the emergency call. It removes the limitation on the types of offenses to which the immunity applies and also removes the requirement that the person provide contact information and remain at the scene of the incident.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Person providing assistance; immunity from prosecution.</p> <p>Amends Minnesota’s “Good Samaritan” law related to assisting someone experiencing a drug-related overdose to include immunity for individuals acting in concert with the person who makes the emergency call, apply the immunity to any offense, and eliminate the requirement that the person provide contact information and remain at the scene of the incident.</p> |
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