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Under current law, a person who calls 911 to request help for someone in need of medical assistance is immune from prosecution for underage consumption if that person is the first to call, provides a name and contact information, cooperates with authorities, and remains on the scene until the authorities arrive. One or two people acting in concert with the caller are also immune from prosecution provided the caller remains on the scene.

This bill would extend immunity to those assistants regardless of whether the caller remains on the scene.