

HB 1796-S - DIGEST

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Declares an intent to save lives by increasing timely medical attention to overdose victims through the establishment of limited immunity from prosecution for people who seek medical assistance in an overdose situation. Many overdose fatalities occur because peers delay or forego calling 911 for fear of arrest or police involvement, which researchers continually identify as the most significant barrier to the ideal first response of calling emergency services.