

1672-S

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Brief Title: Prohibiting the use of intoxication as a defense.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 1/12/98)

Declares that voluntary intoxication is not a defense to any criminal charge, nor may the fact of voluntary intoxication be used by a defendant to demonstrate the lack of any particular mental state that is an element of a crime charged.

Does not prohibit the prosecution from introducing evidence of a defendant's intoxication.

Applies to voluntary intoxication produced by any agent, including but not limited to alcohol or any drug.