



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5445**

LCO No. 4993

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FOR SEEKING OR OBTAINING  
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN ALCOHOL OR DRUG-RELATED  
OVERDOSE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) A person who, in  
2 good faith, seeks medical assistance for another person experiencing a  
3 drug-related or alcohol-related overdose or other life-threatening  
4 medical emergency shall not be arrested, charged or otherwise  
5 prosecuted or penalized for a violation of subsection (a) of section 21a-  
6 267 or section 21a-279, 30-86 or 30-89 of the general statutes if evidence  
7 of such violation was obtained as a result of the seeking of such  
8 medical assistance.

9 (b) A person who experiences a drug-related or alcohol-related  
10 overdose or other life-threatening medical emergency and is in need of  
11 medical assistance shall not be arrested, charged or otherwise  
12 prosecuted or penalized for a violation of subsection (a) of section 21a-  
13 267 or section 21a-279, 30-86 or 30-89 of the general statutes if medical  
14 assistance is sought for such person and evidence of such violation was  
15 obtained as a result of the seeking of such medical assistance.

16 (c) A person seeking medical assistance for another person under  
17 subsection (a) of this section or for whom medical assistance is sought  
18 under subsection (b) of this section shall not be detained at the time of  
19 the medical emergency for an outstanding arrest warrant for a  
20 violation of subsection (a) of section 21a-267 or section 21a-279, 30-86  
21 or 30-89 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prevent alcohol and drug overdose deaths by allowing a person to seek medical assistance without fear that seeking such assistance will lead to their arrest.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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