

# SENATE BILL No. 74

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 7.1-5-1-6.5.

**Synopsis:** Extension of lifeline law immunity. Provides that an individual who is: (1) reasonably believed to be suffering from a health condition which is the direct result of alcohol consumption; and (2) assisted by a person who requested emergency medical assistance for the individual; is immune from prosecution for certain crimes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 7.1-5-1-6.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2014,  
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 6.5. (a) A law enforcement officer may not take  
4 a person into custody based solely on the commission of an offense  
5 involving alcohol described in subsection (b) if the law enforcement  
6 officer, after making a reasonable determination and considering the  
7 facts and surrounding circumstances, reasonably believes that all of the  
8 following apply:  
9 (1) The law enforcement officer has contact with the person  
10 because the person:  
11 (A) either:  
12 (i) requested emergency medical assistance; or  
13 (ii) acted in concert with another person who requested  
14 emergency medical assistance;  
15 for an individual who reasonably appeared to be in need of  
16 medical assistance;  
17 (B) is the victim of a reported sex offense (as defined in



- 1 IC 11-8-8-5.2); or  
 2 (C) witnessed and reported what the person reasonably  
 3 believed to be a crime.  
 4 (2) The person described in subdivision (1)(A), (1)(B), or (1)(C):  
 5 (A) provided:  
 6 (i) the person's full name; and  
 7 (ii) any other relevant information requested by the law  
 8 enforcement officer; and  
 9 (B) in the case of a person described in subdivision (1)(A):  
 10 (i) remained at the scene with the individual who reasonably  
 11 appeared to be in need of medical assistance until  
 12 emergency medical assistance arrived; and  
 13 (ii) cooperated with emergency medical assistance personnel  
 14 and law enforcement officers at the scene.  
 15 (b) A person who meets the criteria of subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2)  
 16 is immune from criminal prosecution for an offense under:  
 17 (1) section 3 of this chapter if the offense involved a state of  
 18 intoxication caused by the person's use of alcohol;  
 19 (2) section 6 of this chapter if the offense involved the person  
 20 being, or becoming, intoxicated as a result of the person's use of  
 21 alcohol; and  
 22 (3) IC 7.1-5-7-7.  
 23 **(c) An individual reasonably believed to be suffering from a**  
 24 **health condition which is the direct result of alcohol consumption**  
 25 **and who is assisted by a person under subsection (a)(1)(A) is**  
 26 **immune from criminal prosecution for an offense under:**  
 27 **(1) section 3 of this chapter if the offense involved a state of**  
 28 **intoxication caused by the individual's use of alcohol;**  
 29 **(2) section 6 of this chapter if the offense involved the**  
 30 **individual being, or becoming, intoxicated as a result of the**  
 31 **individual's use of alcohol; and**  
 32 **(3) IC 7.1-5-7-7.**  
 33 **(d)** A person may not initiate or maintain an action against a law  
 34 enforcement officer based on the officer's compliance or failure to  
 35 comply with this section.

