

# SENATE BILL No. 272

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

**Synopsis:** Lifeline law. Provides immunity from arrest, prosecution, probation or parole revocation, and civil forfeiture for an offense involving: (1) delivering alcohol to a minor or providing a place for a minor to consume alcohol; (2) possession of paraphernalia; (3) possession of a syringe; (4) possession of a controlled substance; or (5) delivery of a controlled substance for no consideration; if the law enforcement contact with the person was due to the reporting of a medical emergency or relates to the person being the victim of a sex crime, or to the reporting of a crime, and certain other conditions are met. Specifies that the arrest and criminal immunity provisions of the lifeline law also apply to the person requiring medical attention. Specifies that a person to whom the lifeline law currently applies is also immune to: (1) civil forfeiture; and (2) probation and parole revocation. Repeals an obsolete provision.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*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, 2019]: 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), **an offense involving a**  
6 **controlled substance described in subsection (c), an offense**  
7 **involving possession of paraphernalia (IC 35-48-4-8.3), or an**  
8 **offense involving possession of a syringe (IC 16-42-19-18),** if the law  
9 enforcement officer, after making a reasonable determination and  
10 considering the facts and surrounding circumstances, reasonably  
11 believes that all of the following apply:

- 12 (1) The law enforcement officer has contact with the person  
13 because the person:  
14 (A) either:  
15 (i) requested emergency medical assistance; or  
16 (ii) acted in concert with another person who requested  
17 emergency medical assistance;



- 1 for an individual who reasonably appeared to be in need of  
 2 medical assistance;  
 3 (B) is the victim of a reported sex offense (as defined in  
 4 IC 11-8-8-5.2); ~~or~~  
 5 (C) witnessed and reported what the person reasonably  
 6 believed to be a crime; **or**  
 7 **(D) is an individual:**  
 8 **(i) who requested medical assistance on the individual's**  
 9 **own behalf; or**  
 10 **(ii) on whose behalf another person requested emergency**  
 11 **medical assistance.**  
 12 (2) The person described in subdivision (1)(A), (1)(B), ~~or~~ (1)(C),  
 13 **or (1)(D):**  
 14 (A) provided:  
 15 (i) the person's full name; and  
 16 (ii) any other relevant information requested by the law  
 17 enforcement officer, **including the names of other persons**  
 18 **possibly requiring medical assistance; and**  
 19 (B) in the case of a person described in subdivision (1)(A):  
 20 (i) remained at the scene with the individual who reasonably  
 21 appeared to be in need of medical assistance until  
 22 emergency medical assistance arrived; and  
 23 (ii) cooperated with emergency medical assistance personnel  
 24 and law enforcement officers at the scene, **including, upon**  
 25 **request, providing the names of other persons possibly**  
 26 **requiring medical assistance.**  
 27 (b) A person who meets the criteria of subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2)  
 28 is immune from criminal prosecution for an offense under:  
 29 (1) section 3 of this chapter if the offense involved a state of  
 30 intoxication caused by the person's use of alcohol;  
 31 (2) section 6 of this chapter if the offense involved the person  
 32 being, or becoming, intoxicated as a result of the person's use of  
 33 alcohol; ~~and~~  
 34 (3) IC 7.1-5-7-7; **and**  
 35 **(4) IC 7.1-5-7-8.**  
 36 (c) A person who meets the criteria of subsection (a)(1) and  
 37 (a)(2) is immune from criminal prosecution for the following:  
 38 (1) An offense involving the possession of a controlled  
 39 substance.  
 40 (2) An offense involving dealing in a controlled substance, if  
 41 the offense involved the delivery of a controlled substance for  
 42 no consideration.



1           **(3) An offense involving possession of paraphernalia**  
 2           **(IC 35-48-4-8.3) or possession of a syringe (IC 16-42-19-18).**

3           **(d) The following applies with respect to a person who meets the**  
 4           **criteria of subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2) for an offense described in**  
 5           **this section:**

6           **(1) The person's property is not subject to civil forfeiture**  
 7           **under IC 34-24-1.**

8           **(2) If the person is on parole or probation, the parole or**  
 9           **probation may not be revoked.**

10          ~~(e)~~ **(e)** A person may not initiate or maintain an action against a law  
 11 enforcement officer based on the officer's compliance or failure to  
 12 comply with this section.

13          SECTION 2. IC 7.1-5-1-6.6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 14 2019]. Sec. 6.6: (a) This section applies only to a person:

15          ~~(1)~~ **(1)** arrested for a violation of:

16           ~~(A)~~ **(A)** section 3 of this chapter if the offense involved a state of  
 17 intoxication caused by the person's use of alcohol;

18           ~~(B)~~ **(B)** section 6 of this chapter if the offense involved the person  
 19 being, or becoming, intoxicated as a result of the person's use  
 20 of alcohol; or

21           ~~(C)~~ **(C)** IC 7.1-5-7-7; and

22          ~~(2)~~ **(2)** whose arrest was facilitated because another person reported  
 23 that the person appeared to be in need of medical assistance due  
 24 to the use of alcohol:

25          ~~(b)~~ **(b)** If a person described in subsection (a):

26           ~~(1)~~ **(1)** does not have a prior conviction for an offense described in  
 27 subsection (a);

28           ~~(2)~~ **(2)** pleads guilty to an offense described in subsection (a); and

29           ~~(3)~~ **(3)** agrees to be placed in the custody of the court;

30 the court, without entering a judgment of conviction, shall defer further  
 31 proceedings and place the person in the custody of the court under  
 32 conditions determined by the court.

33          ~~(c)~~ **(c)** If the person placed in the custody of the court violates the  
 34 conditions of custody, the court may enter a judgment of conviction.  
 35 However, if the person fulfills the conditions of the custody, the court  
 36 shall dismiss the charges against the person.

37          ~~(d)~~ **(d)** There may be only one ~~(1)~~ **(1)** dismissal under this section with  
 38 respect to a person.

39          SECTION 3. IC 7.1-5-7-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2014,  
 40 SECTION 50, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 41 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 8. (a) **Subject to IC 7.1-5-1-6.5**, it is a Class B  
 42 misdemeanor for a person to:



- 1 (1) recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally sell, barter, exchange,  
2 provide, or furnish an alcoholic beverage to a minor; or  
3 (2) knowingly or intentionally:  
4 (A) rent property; or  
5 (B) provide or arrange for the use of property;  
6 for the purpose of allowing or enabling a minor to consume an  
7 alcoholic beverage on the property.  
8 (b) However, the offense described in subsection (a) is:  
9 (1) a Class A misdemeanor if the person has a prior unrelated  
10 conviction under this section; and  
11 (2) a Level 6 felony if the consumption, ingestion, or use of the  
12 alcoholic beverage is the proximate cause of the serious bodily  
13 injury or death of any person.  
14 (c) This section shall not be construed to impose civil liability upon  
15 any postsecondary educational institution, including public and private  
16 universities and colleges, business schools, vocational schools, and  
17 schools for continuing education, or its agents for injury to any person  
18 or property sustained in consequence of a violation of this section  
19 unless the institution or its agent:  
20 (1) sells, barter, exchanges, provides, or furnishes an alcoholic  
21 beverage to a minor; or  
22 (2) either:  
23 (A) rents property; or  
24 (B) provides or arranges for the use of property;  
25 for the purpose of allowing or enabling a minor to consume an  
26 alcoholic beverage on the property.

