

## **Minor in Possession of Alcohol—Immunity from Liability for Seeking Medical Assistance; SB 133**

**SB 133** amends the crime of possessing, consuming, obtaining, purchasing, or attempting to obtain or purchase alcohol by a person under 21 to include immunity from prosecution for a person and, if applicable, one or two other persons acting in concert with such person, who initiated contact with law enforcement or emergency medical services; requested medical assistance on such person's behalf because such person reasonably believed he or she was in need of medical assistance; and cooperated with emergency medical services personnel and law enforcement officers in providing medical assistance.

The bill also extends immunity from prosecution when a person and, if applicable, one or two other persons acting in concert with such person, initiated contact with law enforcement or emergency medical services or was one of one or two other persons who acted in concert with such person; requested medical assistance for another person who reasonably appeared to be in need of medical assistance; provided their full name, the name of one or two other persons acting in concert with such person, if applicable, and any other relevant information requested by law enforcement or emergency medical services; remained at the scene with the person who reasonably appeared to be in need of medical assistance until emergency medical services personnel and law enforcement officers arrived; and cooperated with emergency medical services personnel and law enforcement officers in providing medical assistance. Immunity also shall be extended to the person who reasonably appeared to be in need of medical assistance but did not initiate contact with law enforcement or emergency medical services if the person cooperated with emergency medical services personnel and law enforcement in providing medical assistance.

The bill states a person shall not be allowed to initiate or maintain an action against a law enforcement officer or such officer's employer based on the officer's compliance or failure to comply with these new provisions.