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## HOUSE BILL No. 2487

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
 to controlled substances; providing immunity from prosecution for
 certain drug crimes when persons seek or provide medical assistance
 related to the use of a controlled substance.

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6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

7 Section 1. (a) A law enforcement officer shall not take a person into 8 custody based solely on the commission of an offense described in 9 subsection (b) if the law enforcement officer, after making a reasonable 10 determination and considering the facts and surrounding circumstances, 11 reasonably believes that the person:

(1) (A) Initiated contact with a law enforcement officer, law
enforcement agency or emergency medical services and requested medical
assistance on the person's own behalf because the person reasonably
believed they needed medical assistance as a result of the use of a
controlled substance; and

(B) cooperated with law enforcement officers and emergency medicalservices personnel in providing such medical assistance;

(2) (A) was one of not more than four persons who rendered aid to another person who reasonably appeared to need medical assistance as a result of the use of a controlled substance or initiated contact with a law enforcement officer, law enforcement agency or emergency medical services and requested medical assistance for another person who reasonably appeared to need medical assistance as a result of the use of a controlled substance;

26 (B) provided such person's full name and any other relevant 27 information requested by law enforcement or emergency medical services;

(C) remained at the scene with the person who reasonably appeared
 to need medical assistance until emergency medical services personnel and
 law enforcement officers arrived; and

31 (D) cooperated with emergency medical services personnel and law32 enforcement officers in providing such medical assistance; or

33 (3) (A) was the person who reasonably appeared to need medical
assistance as a result of the use of a controlled substance as described in
subsection (a)(2)(A); and

36 (B) cooperated with emergency medical services personnel and law

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or violation of a condition of probation, assignment to a community correctional services program, suspended sentence, parole, conditional release or postrelease supervision

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		(B) shall not have issued against such person a warrant for arrest for
1	enforcement officers in providing such medical assistance.	violation of a condition of probation, assignment to a community
2	(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), each person who meets the criteria in subsection (a) is immune from criminal prosecution for a	correctional services program, suspension of sentence, parole,
4	violation of K.S.A. 21-5706 or 21-5709(b), and amendments thereto, and	conditional release or postrelease supervision pursuant to K.S.A.
5	any city ordinance or county resolution prohibiting the acts prohibited by	22-3716 or 75-5217, and amendments thereto,
6	K.S.A. 21-5706 or 21-5709(b), and amendments thereto.	
7	(2) No person is immune from criminal prosecution as provided in	or from having an
8	paragraph (1) if the quantity of controlled substances found at the scene of	arrest warrant issued
9	the encounter with law enforcement would be sufficient to create a	against such person
10	rebuttable presumption of an intent to distribute as described in K.S.A. 21-	
11 12	<ul><li>5705(e), and amendments thereto.</li><li>(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a person seeking</li></ul>	
12	medical assistance during the course of the execution of an arrest warrant	
14	or search warrant or a lawful search.	
15	(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a person	
16	who is immune from criminal prosecution pursuant to this section from	
17	being prosecuted based on evidence obtained from an independent source.	
18	(e) A person shall not be allowed to initiate or maintain an action	
19	against a law enforcement officer, or the officer's employer, based on the	
20	officer's compliance or failure to comply with this section. Except in cases	
21 22	of reckless or intentional misconduct, a law enforcement officer shall be immune from liability for arresting a person who is later determined to be	
22	immune from fradinty for arresting a person who is later determined to be immune from prosecution pursuant to this section.	
23 24	(f) As used in this section:	
25	(1) "Controlled substance" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 21-	
26	5701, and amendments thereto; and	
27	(2) "law enforcement officer" means the same as defined in K.S.A.	
28	21-5111, and amendments thereto.	
29	Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its	
30	publication in the statute book.	