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Re: HB 427

Criminal Procedure – Medical Emergency - Immunity

Position – Support

The purpose of this bill is to save lives by granting overdose victims immunity from prosecution when a good Samaritan calls 911 for help. This bill enjoys bipartisan support, and after several iterations the States Attorneys support this measure.

Maryland case law indicated there are several ambiguities and this bill clarifies one of them, specifically that a victim should not face trouble because someone chose to save his life, the intent of the initial good Samaritan bill I sponsored in 2013.

I urge this Committee to favorably report HB 427.