S.B. 70-04

The Student Senate 70th Session Texas A&M University

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Action Taken

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Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

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Good Samaritan Law Reformation Bill

"A bill requesting that students be granted protection when seeking medical attention due to impairment from substance abuse."

Whereas(1): Currently, minors who find themselves or others in dangerous situations due to illegal narcotics do not call emergency service in fear of possible repercussions; and,

Whereas(2): There is currently no legal protection afforded to underage individuals with no one to call for medical assistance on their behalf in the presence of illegal narcotics; and,

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Whereas(3): There is currently no legal protection afforded to minors that make calls, and victims that are also minors, to medical services and emergency responders under the presence of illegal narcotics; and,

Whereas(4): A minor stands for a person under 21 years of age. A victim(s) stands for a person(s) under 21 years of age and viewed as the possible affected party(s) of

illegal narcotic overdose.

Therefore Let it be

Enacted(1):

The Legislative Relations Commission shall be dispatched as the authorized authority in advocating for this bill; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (2): The first minor to contact the necessary authorities in response to the possible overdose on illegal narcotics by another minor or legal adult will not be prosecuted despite

- a. their presence at a time in which illegal activity is happening; or,
- b. their own involvement in said illegal activity.

Let it be

Further

Enacted(3): The first minor to contact the necessary authorities in response to the possible narcotic overdose of another minor or legal adult will not be prosecuted despite

- a. their presence at a time in which illegal activity is happening; or,
- b. their own involvement in said illegal activity.

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Let it be

Further Enacted(4):

The incapacitated party, provided that their need for medical attention is legitimate as defined below, is afforded protection from legal prosecution resulting from their use of illegal narcotics; with "legitimate need for medical attention" being defined as follows:

a. Being deemed "legitimate" by a medical professional.

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Let it be Further

Enacted(5):

That a copy of this bill be sent to the following:

Michael O'Quinn, Texas A&M Vice President of Government Relations

Texas Senator Charles Schwertner, District 5 Texas Representative John Raney, District 14

Texas Senator Jane Nelson, District 12 Texas Senator Kirk Watson, District 14

Texas Representative Ryan Guillen, District 31