



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

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**The Student Senate  
68th Session  
Texas A&M University**

**Introduced By:** Joshua Lewis, Legislative Relations  
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Senator Alex Rose, Corp of Cadets Caucus  
Senator Tyler Allen, Lowry Mays School of Business  
Senator Jackson Kuplack, Liberal Arts  
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**Action Taken**

**PASSED**

**Certified By:**

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Aaron Mitchell '16".

Aaron Mitchell  
Speaker of the Senate

**Duly Approved:**

Joseph Benigno  
Student Body President

## **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, individuals who find themselves or others in dangerous situations due to illegal use of drugs 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 use of drugs; and,

**Whereas(3):** Currently, legal protection is not afforded to:  
a. Individuals that summon medical assistance; nor,  
b. victims; and



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**Whereas(4):** A victim(s) shall be defined as a person(s) viewed as the possible affected party(s) of illegal drug overdose.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Enacted (1):** The legislative relations team shall be dispatched as the authorized authority in advocating for this bill; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Enacted (2):** The first individual to contact the necessary authorities in response to the possible overdose on the illegal use of drugs by another individual shall not be legally nor criminally prosecuted despite:

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

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Enacted (3):** The incapacitated individual, provided that their need for medical attention is legitimate (as defined by medical professionals) is protected from legal and/or criminal prosecution resulting from their involvement in the illegal use of drugs; and, the caller, provided that the victim's need for medical attention appears to be reasonable, will also be protected from legal and/or criminal prosecution resulting from their own involvement in the illegal use of drugs. Even if the victim's need for medical attention is not deemed to be legitimate by medical professionals, the caller will still be protected from legal consequences provided that the call was made in good faith.

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Enacted (4):** That a copy of this bill be sent to the following:

Texas State Senator Charles Schwertner, District 5

Texas State Senator Jane Nelson, District 12

Michael O'Quinn, VP of Government Relations at Texas A&M