

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 50

2 INTRODUCED BY R. MARSHALL

3 BY REQUEST OF THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTIONS TO PARENTS AND PREGNANT  
6 WOMEN WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER; REVISING THE HELP SAVE LIVES FROM OVERDOSE ACT;  
7 AND AMENDING SECTION 50-32-609, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 50-32-609, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"50-32-609. Good Samaritan and parental protections.** (1) The provisions of 45-5-626, 45-9-102,  
13 45-9-107, and 45-10-103 do not apply to:

14 (a) a person who, acting in good faith, seeks medical assistance for another person who is  
15 experiencing an actual or reasonably perceived drug-related overdose if the evidence supporting an arrest,  
16 charge, or prosecution was obtained as a result of the person's seeking medical assistance for another person;  
17 or

18 (b) a person who experiences a drug-related overdose and is in need of medical assistance if the  
19 evidence supporting an arrest, charge, or prosecution was obtained as a result of the drug-related overdose  
20 and the need for medical assistance.

21 (2) The provisions of 45-9-102, 45-9-107, and 45-10-103 do not apply to a pregnant woman  
22 seeking or receiving:

23 (a) evaluation, treatment, or support services for a substance use disorder; or

24 (b) prenatal health care.

25 (3) The provisions of 45-5-601(2)(a) do not apply to a person reporting a crime under 45-5-502 or  
26 45-5-503.

27 (4) A person's pretrial release, probation, furlough, supervised release, or parole may not be  
28 revoked based on an incident for which the person would be immune from arrest, charge, or prosecution under

1 this section.

2 (5) A person's act of providing first aid or other medical assistance to a person who is experiencing  
3 an actual or reasonably perceived drug-related overdose may be used as a mitigating factor in a criminal  
4 prosecution for which immunity is not provided under this section.

5 (6) A parent's positive drug test may not be the sole factor used to:

6 (a) begin a child abuse and neglect investigation under Title 41, chapter 3, part 2;

7 (b) place a child in protective care pursuant to Title 41, chapter 3, part 3;

8 (c) initiate abuse and neglect proceedings as provided for in Title 41, chapter 3, part 4; or

9 (d) terminate parental rights as provided for in Title 41, chapter 3, part 6.

10 ~~(6)~~(7) This section may not be construed to:

11 (a) bar the admissibility of evidence obtained in connection with the investigation and prosecution  
12 of other crimes or violations committed by a person who otherwise qualified for limited immunity under this  
13 section;

14 (b) limit, modify, or remove immunity from liability currently available to public entities, public  
15 employees, or prosecutors or by law; or

16 (c) create a new cause of action or other source of criminal liability for a pregnant woman with a  
17 substance use disorder who does not seek or receive evaluation, treatment, or support services for a substance  
18 use disorder."

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