



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 383**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 19, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 383 provides a person immunity from a drug possession charge, if the person seeks medical assistance for himself or another for a possible drug-related overdose while using or in possession of the substance. The immunity applies only if the evidence for possession was gained as the result of an overdose and seeking medical assistance. The bill does not provide immunity from manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or delivering illegal substances. The penalty for possession depends on the kind of drug and the amount possessed, ranging from an infraction for marijuana to a felony for harder substances.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Rich Pahls**