

Notice of New Drug Law

Pursuant to changes in Illinois law effective June 1, 2012:

You will not be prosecuted for a Class 4 felony Possession of a Controlled Substance offense if you seek medical assistance for a person experiencing an overdose and if evidence of the possession charge was collected as a result of your efforts to get emergency medical assistance for the person overdosing.

You will also not be charged or prosecuted for a Class 4 felony Possession of a Controlled Substance offense if you are experiencing an overdose, seek medical treatment, and evidence of the possession charge was collected as a result of your efforts to get emergency medical assistance.

This law only applies to certain amounts of controlled substances, including:

- Less than 3 grams of heroin, cocaine, morphine or lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD);
- Less than 40 grams of peyote, barbituric acid, amphetamine, or substances classified as narcotic drugs in Schedules I and II of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, which are not otherwise included in this subsection;
- Less than 6 grams of pentazocine, methaqualone, phencyclidine (PCP) or ketamine.

The law also does not apply in situations where law enforcement has evidence of criminal activity that was obtained prior to or independent of the person seeking medical attention for themselves or another.