

HB 2093 -- FIRST RESPONDERS

SPONSOR: Chipman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Government by a vote of 9 to 1.

This bill provides first responders with immunity when they, in good faith, provide emergency care or treatment to a person suffering from an apparent drug or alcohol overdose by use or provision of restraints. This immunity will not apply to any first responder whose use or provision of such restraints was in a willful and wanton or reckless manner.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is a good idea because individuals will feel more compelled to provide assistance if they are provided with immunity when they act in good faith.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Chipman and Gregory Campbell, North Crawford County Ambulance District.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.