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Abstract: Provides that immunity from prosecution, charges, or penalties for possession of a controlled dangerous substance for persons experiencing drug-related overdoses does not apply when first responders or law enforcement officers respond to the same residence two or more times.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a person who experiences a drug-related overdose and is in need of medical assistance shall not be charged, prosecuted, or penalized for possession of a controlled dangerous substance under the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law if the evidence for the possession of the controlled dangerous substance was obtained as a result of the overdose and the person's need for medical assistance.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends <u>present law</u> to provide that the immunity from prosecution, charges, or penalties does not apply when first responders or law enforcement officers respond to the same residence two or more times for a person experiencing a drug-related overdose.

(Amends R.S. 14:403.10(B))