

## SB218 INTRODUCED



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2 DG2FSHT-1  
3 By Senator Price  
4 RFD: Judiciary  
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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would establish the crime of failure to render aid, which would be committed if, while engaged in the illegal use of a controlled substance with another: (i) a person knowingly fails to seek medical assistance for another individual suffering from an overdose of the controlled substance or suffering a significant adverse physical reaction to the controlled substance; and (ii) the overdose or adverse physical reaction proximately causes the death of the other individual.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to crimes and offenses; to establish the crime of failure to render aid; and to provide for a criminal penalty for a violation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) A person commits the crime of failure to render aid if, while engaged in the unlawful use of a controlled substance enumerated in Schedules I through V with another individual, all of the following occur:



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29           (1) The other individual suffers an overdose of the  
30 controlled substance or suffers a significant adverse physical  
31 reaction to the controlled substance.

32           (2) The person knowingly fails to seek medical  
33 assistance for the other individual.

34           (3) The overdose or adverse physical reaction  
35 proximately causes the death of the other individual.

36           (b) Failure to render aid is a Class C felony.

37           Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
38 1, 2025.