

Enacted Good Samaritan Laws

State	Took effect...	Protects from arrest, or from being charged?	WHAT does it cover (controlled substances, paraphernalia, alcohol)?	WHO does it cover (victim, help seeker)?	Does it include naloxone?	Bill #	Notes
Rhode Island	2012	Protects from charges and prosecution.	Protects from all drug crimes in RI statutes, excluding manufacturing or distributing.	Protects victim and witnesses.	Yes.	H 7248	Requires an annual report on the effects of the law, from the Attorney General.
Colorado	2012	Protects from arrest and prosecution.	Controlled substances (including synthetics), paraphernalia, alcohol. Also includes manufacturing and distribution without remuneration.	Protects victim and witnesses.	No.	SB 20	Requires help seeker(s) to stay at the scene until emergency services arrive.
Florida	2012	Protects from arrest, charges, prosecution, and penalties.	Controlled substances. Does not cover paraphernalia or alcohol.	Protects victim and witnesses.	No.	SB 278	
Illinois	2012	Protects from charges.	Controlled substances (even analog substances). Does not cover paraphernalia or alcohol.	Protects victim and witnesses.	No.	SB1701	
Connecticut	2011	Protects from charges, specifically from fines and imprisonment.	Controlled substances, paraphernalia, alcohol.	Protects victim and witnesses.	No, but naloxone allowed under a separate bill.	HB 6554, Public Act No. 11-210	
New York	2011	Protects from arrest, charges, prosecution, and conviction.	Controlled substances, paraphernalia, alcohol.	Protects victim and witnesses.	No.	A2063c	Provides an affirmative defense for some "dealer crimes" via the NY Penal Code.
Washington	2010	Protects from charges and prosecution.	Controlled substances. Does not cover paraphernalia or alcohol.	Protects victim and witnesses.	Yes.	SB 5516	
New Mexico	2007	Protects from charges and prosecution.	Controlled substances. Does not cover paraphernalia or alcohol.	Protects victim and witnesses.	Yes.	SB 0200	State provides overdose prevention trainings and naloxone prescriptions for opiate users and their families and friends.