

Distribution of a Controlled Substance Causing Great Bodily Harm or Death; HB 2044

HB 2044 creates two new crimes. The first crime, distribution of a controlled substance causing great bodily harm, a severity level 5, person felony, is defined as unlawfully distributing a controlled substance when great bodily harm results from the use of such controlled substance. The second crime, distribution of a controlled substance causing death, a severity level 1, person felony, is defined as unlawfully distributing a controlled substance when death results from the use of such controlled substance. The fact that a user contributed to the user's own great bodily harm or death by using the controlled substance or consenting to its administration by another is not a defense to either crime. The bill also defines key terms.