

Medical Amnesty at EMU

Promoting Responsible Decision-Making

Michigan State Law

House Bill 4393

- Minor's Alcohol Violation: Exemption (*Medical Amnesty*)
- What does this mean from a legal point of view?

Student Conduct Code Revision

- Section V: Violations
 - B. Alcohol Violations
 - 1. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the legal drinking age **in violation of** (as defined by) Michigan law.

EMU Medical Amnesty Policy

- The purpose of the EMU medical amnesty policy is to remove barriers and increase the likelihood that students who require emergency medical assistance as a result of high risk alcohol consumption will seek and receive the medical attention they need. The Michigan medical amnesty law is designed to promote responsible decisions and protects minors from receiving a minor in possession charge if they seek medical help for themselves or another person.

Overview of EMU Medical Amnesty Process

- Allegations are handled similarly to any other first-time alcohol violation
- Student is presented a medical amnesty application during initial meeting
- Student is required to complete educational interventions
- Sanctions are deferred

Overview of EMU Medical Amnesty Process

- Administrative Sanction – Formal Reprimand on record
- Student allowed only ONE exemption
- Process applies to both the person receiving help, and the caller
- Ultimate goal is to encourage better long term decision making

Medical Amnesty Awareness Campaign

- Print Media
- Open Forums
- Student leader and student employee training sessions
- Coordination with student organizations and departments such as:
 - › RHA and Res Life
 - › Campus Life
 - › SCCS
 - › DPS
 - › Student Government
 - › Greek Life

