



A Pivotal Opportunity for Mental Health & Addiction Funding in Indiana

The Indiana Behavioral Health Commission recommends legislators consider a 10¢ per drink alcohol tax to generate \$484 million for mental health services.

Help us advocate this session by fully funding mental health and addiction services in Indiana.



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Indiana’s alcohol tax hasn’t been raised in 44 years, despite rising public health and safety costs related to alcohol misuse. Excessive alcohol use costs Hoosiers over \$4.4 billion annually, yet Indiana has some of the lowest alcohol taxes in the nation. By increasing the tax, legislators can reduce alcohol-related harm, fund critical prevention and treatment programs, and support mental health and public safety initiatives—all without placing a burden on general taxpayers.

A portion of these funds could directly support 988 crisis services, ensuring Hoosiers in mental health emergencies have access to immediate, life-saving support. By investing in crisis response, Indiana can prevent tragedies, reduce strain on law enforcement and emergency rooms, and build a stronger mental health system.

We need your voice! Please join us in contacting lawmakers, liking and sharing social media posts, and spreading awareness. We need more revenue and less alcohol-related harm to build a safer and healthier state. **Contact your state legislators today and advocate for increased funding for crisis services, including 988!**

Send a Message to Your Legislator

Bills Heard in the Senate	Bills Heard in the House
<p>House Bill 1385 – Health Care Facility Employees (Bascom, Goss-Reaves, Dant, Chessser, Garcia Wilburn)</p> <p>Synopsis: HB 1385 provides an exception to certain disqualifying conditions for nurse aides and unlicensed healthcare employees, allowing for additional workforce flexibility in healthcare facilities.</p>	<p>Senate Bill 74 – Extension of Lifeline Law Immunity (Alting)</p> <p>Synopsis: SB 74 provides immunity from prosecution for certain alcohol-related offenses to individuals who: (1) are reasonably believed to be suffering from a health condition caused by alcohol consumption, and (2) are assisted by someone who requested emergency medical help on their behalf.</p> <p>Senate Bill 505 – Emergency Transport to Appropriate Facility (Deery, Charbonneau, Johnson T, Crider, Ford J.D., Jackson L, Niezgodski, Randolph Lonnie M)</p> <p>Synopsis: Allows, subject to a written agreement concerning the transport of individuals, an emergency medical responder, an emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic (emergency medical services personnel) to transport an individual to: (1) a health care facility; (2) a mental health facility; or (3) an urgent care facility that can provide the individual with appropriate and necessary treatment. Specifies information that must be included in a written agreement. Requires reimbursement for transporting the individual to the facility.</p>

For the full list of priority bills we are tracking, please visit this [link](#).

