

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1207 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY TRELLO, MISCEVICH, ABRAHAM, GAMBLE, RAVENSTAHL
AND GEISLER, JUNE 6, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 6, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.498, No.252),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act exempting certain firemen,
3 policemen, volunteer ambulance and rescue squad personnel and
4 National Ski Patrol personnel from civil liability when
5 rendering emergency care, first aid and rescue in the
6 performance of their duties except in certain instances,"
7 further providing for the exemption from civil liability.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 1, act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.498,
11 No.252), entitled, as amended, "An act exempting certain
12 firemen, policemen, volunteer ambulance and rescue squad
13 personnel and National Ski Patrol personnel from civil liability
14 when rendering emergency care, first aid and rescue in the
15 performance of their duties except in certain instances,"
16 amended June 17, 1971 (P.L.169, No.14), is amended to read:

17 Section 1. Any fireman, policeman, member of a volunteer
18 ambulance or rescue squad or member of the National Ski Patrol
19 who renders emergency care, first aid or rescue while in the
20 performance of his duties at the scene of an emergency, or moves

1 the person receiving such care, first aid and rescue to a
2 hospital or other place of medical care, shall not be liable to
3 such person for any civil damages as a result of any acts or
4 omissions in rendering the emergency care, first aid or rescue,
5 or moving the person receiving the same to a hospital or other
6 place of medical care, except any acts or omissions
7 intentionally designed to harm or any grossly negligent acts or
8 omissions which result in harm to the person receiving the
9 emergency care, first aid or rescue, or being moved to a
10 hospital or other place of medical care, but nothing herein
11 shall relieve a driver of an ambulance or other emergency or
12 rescue vehicle from liability arising from operation or use of
13 such vehicle. In order for any fireman, policeman, member of a
14 volunteer ambulance or rescue squad or member of the National
15 Ski Patrol to receive the benefit of the exemption from civil
16 liability provided for in this act, he must first have taken and
17 successfully completed a standard first aid course recognized or
18 approved by the American Red Cross and further he shall have a
19 valid certification from the American Red Cross that he has
20 successfully completed any necessary training or refresher
21 courses, or shall have successfully completed a first aid course
22 having standards at least equal to a first aid course recognized
23 or approved by the American Red Cross, or shall have
24 successfully completed a first aid course recognized or approved
25 by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association or any
26 cardio pulmonary resuscitation association.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.