

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1580 Session of
1975

INTRODUCED BY LAUGHLIN, A. K. HUTCHINSON, MILANOVICH, BRADLEY,
KOLTER AND BRUNNER, JULY 1, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 2, 1975

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 extending the provisions of the act to paid ambulance
8 personnel.

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

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

AN ACT

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19 Exempting certain firemen, policemen, [volunteer] ambulance and
20 rescue squad personnel and National Ski Patrol personnel from
21 civil liability when rendering emergency care, first aid and

1 rescue in the performance of their duties except in certain
2 instances.

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

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.