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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 1207** Session of  
1977

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INTRODUCED BY TRELLO, MISCEVICH, ABRAHAM, GAMBLE, RAVENSTAHL  
AND GEISLER, JUNE 6, 1977

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 6, 1977

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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.