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STABACK, BELARDI AND CAWLEY, JANUARY 26, 1988

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 26, 1988

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
3 nonmedical good Samaritan civil immunity.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 8332 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 8332. Nonmedical good Samaritan civil immunity.

9 (a) General rule.--Any person who renders emergency care,
10 first aid or rescue at the scene of an emergency, or moves the
11 person receiving such care, first aid and rescue to a hospital
12 or other place of medical care, shall not be liable to such
13 person for any civil damages as a result of any acts or
14 omissions in rendering the emergency care, first aid or rescue,
15 or moving the person receiving the same to a hospital or other
16 place of medical care, except any acts or omissions
17 intentionally designed to harm or any grossly negligent acts or
18 omissions which result in harm to the person receiving the

1 emergency care, first aid or rescue or being moved to a hospital
2 or other place of medical care.

3 (b) Exceptions.--

4 (1) This section shall not relieve a driver of an
5 ambulance or other emergency or rescue vehicle from liability
6 arising from operation or use of such vehicle.

7 (2) In order for any person to receive the benefit of
8 the exemption from civil liability provided for in subsection
9 (a), he shall be, at the time of rendering the emergency
10 care, first aid or rescue or moving the person receiving
11 emergency care, first aid or rescue to a hospital or other
12 place of medical care, the holder of a current certificate
13 evidencing the successful completion of a course in first
14 aid, advanced life saving or basic life support sponsored by
15 the American National Red Cross, [or] the American Heart
16 Association, the National Ski Patrol System, Inc., or an
17 equivalent course of instruction approved by the Department
18 of Health in consultation with a technical committee of the
19 Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council and must be
20 performing techniques and employing procedures consistent
21 with the nature and level of the training for which the
22 certificate has been issued.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.