

STATE OF MAINE •HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 105TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 130, L. D. 185, Bill, "AN ACT Providing for Immunity to Licensed Ambulance Service Personnel in Emergency Cases."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in place thereof the following: 'AN ACT Providing for Immunity from Civil Liability to Certain Firemen, Policemen, Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Squad Members and Nurses.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. R. S., T. 14, § 165, additional. Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 165 to read as follows:

§ 165. Immunity

No fireman, policeman, or member of a volunteer ambulance or volunteer rescue squad who, while acting in that capacity, gratuitously renders emergency care, first aid or rescue at the scene of an emergency or while enroute therefrom to a place of medical treatment, shall be liable for any civil damages as a result of acts or omissions by such person in rendering such emergency care, first aid or rescue, except for damages which are caused willfully, wantonly or by the gross negligence of such person in rendering the emergency care, first aid or rescue. This exemption from civil liability shall not apply unless such

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person, prior to rendering such care, first aid or rescue, successfully completed an advanced first aid course approved by the American Red Cross and had at the time of the emergency a valid certification by the American Red Cross of successful completion of such course and of current qualification therein.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 2108, additional. Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2108 to read as follows:

§ 2108. Immunity

No person licensed under this chapter who renders emergency care at the scene of an accident shall be liable for any civil damages as a result of acts or omissions by such person, except for damages which are caused willfully, wantonly or by the gross negligence of such person in rendering the emergency care.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is reflected in the new title.

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