

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 19, 1971

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Haskell of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Providing Professional Immunity to Certain
Persons in Emergency Cases.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 25, § 1507, additional. Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1507, to read as follows:

§ 1507. Immunity

A member of the State Police, who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency shall not be liable for any civil damages as a result of acts or omissions by him in rendering the emergency care, except acts amounting to willful or wanton misconduct.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 25, § 2312, additional. Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2312, to read as follows:

§ 2312. Immunity

A fireman, whether voluntary or fulltime, who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency shall not be liable for any civil damages as a result of acts or omissions by him in rendering the emergency care, except acts amounting to willful or wanton misconduct.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 2402-A, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2402-A, to read as follows:

§ 2402-A. Immunity

A police officer or constable, who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency shall not be liable for any civil damages as a

result of acts or omissions by him in rendering the emergency care, except acts amounting to willful or wanton misconduct.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 32, § 65, additional. Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 65, to read as follows:

§ 65. Immunity

An ambulance attendant or any person who has completed an approved first-aid course who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency shall not be liable for any civil damages as a result of acts or omissions by him in rendering the emergency care, except acts amounting to willful or wanton misconduct.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 32, § 66, additional. Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 66, to read as follows:

§ 66. Transportation

Any ambulance service or the personnel of any ambulance service, duly licensed by the State of Maine, shall not be liable for any civil damages as a result of acts or omissions by the ambulance personnel during the transportation of, or otherwise moving a patient, except acts amounting to willful or wanton misconduct.

Sec. 6. 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

A nurse, licensed under this chapter, who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency shall not be liable for any civil damages as a result of acts or omissions by him in rendering the emergency care, except acts amounting to willful or wanton misconduct.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to relieve nurses, police, firemen, ambulance attendants and certain other persons from civil liability when rendering emergency care to the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency and to relieve ambulance services and ambulance personnel from civil liability during the transportation of the sick and injured.