

~~5-399.4.~~ ~~5-399.3.~~

(A) IN THIS SECTION "COMPTROLLER" MEANS THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE.

(B) IF, IN GOOD FAITH AND WITH REASONABLE GROUNDS, THE COMPTROLLER OR A PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE SEIZES CONTRABAND PROPERTY OR A CONVEYANCE USED TO TRANSPORT CONTRABAND PROPERTY UNDER §13-835 OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE, THE COMPTROLLER OR PEACE OFFICER IS NOT CIVILLY OR CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR THE SEIZURE.

~~5-399.5.~~ ~~5-399.4.~~

AN OWNER OR LESSEE OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 13 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE MAY NOT RAISE THE DEFENSE OF SOVEREIGN OR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY, TO THE EXTENT OF BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE SECURITY ACCEPTED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 17-103 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE PLAINTIFF CLAIMS THAT PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR DEATH WAS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENT USE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE OR PERFORMING A TASK OF BENEFIT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

~~5-399.6.~~ ~~5-399.5.~~

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "EMERGENCY SERVICE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-103 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(3) "EMERGENCY VEHICLE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-118 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(B) (1) AN OPERATOR OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE BY ITS OWNER OR LESSEE, IS IMMUNE FROM SUIT IN THE OPERATOR'S INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM A NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION WHILE OPERATING THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF EMERGENCY SERVICE.

(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM SUIT TO AN OPERATOR FOR A MALICIOUS ACT OR OMISSION OR FOR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE OPERATOR.

(C) (1) AN OWNER OR LESSEE OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, INCLUDING A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, IS LIABLE TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION FOR ANY DAMAGES CAUSED BY A NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION OF AN AUTHORIZED