

jury and upon conviction therefor is subject to the penalties provided by law for perjury.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1964.*

Approved April 7, 1964.

CHAPTER 48
(Senate Bill 43)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 149A of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Health", sub-title "Practitioners of Medicine", to provide UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES that members of CERTAIN volunteer ambulance and rescue squads shall not be liable for civil damages for medical aid, care and assistance rendered at an accident, with exceptions, and providing a defense to units arising out of services rendered at an accident.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 149A of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Health", sub-title "Practitioners of Medicine", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

149A.

(a) A physician licensed to practice medicine by the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Maryland, who, in good faith, renders medical aid, care, not in a hospital, and assistance for which the physician received no fee or compensation, at the scene of an accident, shall not be liable for any civil damages as the result of any professional acts or omissions by him, not amounting to gross negligence, in rendering such aid, care, and assistance. The physician shall have a defense against any action, not amounting to gross negligence, for negligence or malpractice brought against him because of any professional acts or omissions in the rendering of such care, aid and assistance.

(b) *The members of volunteer ambulance and rescue squads shall not be liable for damages as provided in subsection (a) except for gross negligence, and shall have the defense provided therein, except for gross negligence. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A PERSON MUST BE HAVE COMPLETED A BASIC COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN FIRST AID, AND MUST BE ON ACTIVE DUTY AS A MEMBER OF A VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD WHICH (1) IS A BONA FIDE AND PERMANENT ORGANIZATION, AND (2) IS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED AS A NON-PROFIT GROUP.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1964.*

Approved April 7, 1964.