

No definition of person is included because Art. 1, §15 defines "person" as including "corporations". It does not expressly include "firms" however, and therefore the term is retained in subsection (a).

Art. 43, §556A provides immunity for hospitals from tort liability.

Art. 48A, §480 estops insurance companies from pleading a charitable institution tort immunity as a defense to a suit.

See §5-1104 of the Natural Resources Article for similar provisions applicable to persons allowing land owned by them to be used, free of charge, as a playground or park.

SEC. 5-304. ACTION FOR DEFAMATION AGAINST LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION MAY NOT BE BROUGHT AGAINST A CITY OR TOWN COUNCILMAN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER, COUNTY COUNCILMAN, OR SIMILAR OFFICIAL BY WHATEVER NAME KNOWN, FOR WORDS SPOKEN AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 23A, §1A, Art. 25, §1A, Art. 25A, §3, and Art. 25B, §10A. These sections were enacted by Ch. 287, Acts of 1973 and all are combined here.

GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE.

In the course of compiling Title 5 of the Courts Article, the Governor's Commission to Revise the Annotated Code considered the following sections and concluded that they were not proper to be included in the Courts Article. The following treatment is proposed:

<u>Section in Code:</u>	<u>Treatment:</u>	<u>Comment:</u>
Art. 57, §§ 4 and 5	Repeal	Made obsolete by the long-arm statute and current venue and service of process