

(A) A PERSON LICENSED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE, WHO RENDERS MEDICAL AID, CARE, OR ASSISTANCE FOR WHICH HE CHARGES NO FEE OR COMPENSATION: (1) AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY; (2) IN TRANSIT TO MEDICAL FACILITIES; OR (3) THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS WITH PERSONNEL RENDERING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY CIVIL DAMAGES AS THE RESULT OF ANY PROFESSIONAL ACT OR OMISSION BY HIM NOT AMOUNTING TO GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

(B) A MEMBER OF ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPAL OR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHO HAS COMPLETED AN AMERICAN RED CROSS COURSE IN ADVANCED FIRST AID OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR IS CERTIFIED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OR CARDIAC RESCUE TECHNICIAN HAS THE SAME IMMUNITY PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A).

(C) MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, OR CITY GOVERNMENTS, HOSPITALS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE COUNCILS AND AGENCIES WHICH OPERATE AS NONPROFIT GROUPS THAT PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM THROUGH THE PROVISION OF CARE, EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, OR CONSULTANT SUPPORT WITHOUT CHARGING THE EMERGENCY VICTIM A FEE FOR THE SERVICE PROVIDED ARE NOT LIABLE FOR ANY CIVIL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT AMOUNTING TO GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

(D) A PERSON WHO IS CURRENTLY CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION OR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY CARE INCLUDING CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE CATEGORIES, WHO WITHOUT COMPENSATION RENDERS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY, IS NOT LIABLE FOR ACTS COMMITTED OR OMITTED, PROVIDED THE PERSON RENDERING THE AID ACTS IN A REASONABLY PRUDENT MANNER AND RELINQUISHES DIRECTION OF CARE OF THE INJURED PERSON WHEN A PERSON LICENSED OR CERTIFIED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE OR SERVICES IS IN A POSITION TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARE OF THE INJURED PERSON.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act [[shall take effect July 1, 1976.]] is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, it shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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