

Good Samaritan Law

FOR the purpose of providing for the liability for civil damages of physicians, nurses, members of fire departments or ambulance and rescue squads, law enforcement officers, and other persons and organizations providing emergency medical service or care; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing

Article 43 - Health
Section 132
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health
Section 132
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 132 of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 132 be and it is hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

132.

(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 STATE, 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 AND POSSESSES A CURRENT CARD INDICATING THAT STATUS 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).