

## Article 43 - Health

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(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).

(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 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 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

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AN ACT concerning