

SENATE FILE NO. SF0083

Volunteer ambulance services immunity.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services  
Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to volunteer ambulance and rescue services;  
2 extending immunity from civil liability to ambulance  
3 service medical directors, hospitals and trainees as  
4 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-1-120(b) is amended to read:

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10 **1-1-120. Persons rendering emergency assistance**  
11 **exempt from civil liability.**

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13 (b) Persons or organizations operating volunteer  
14 ambulances or rescue vehicles supported by public or  
15 private funds, staffed by unpaid volunteers, and which make  
16 no charge, or charge an incidental service or user fee, for

1 services rendered during medical emergencies, and the  
2 unpaid volunteers who staff ambulances and rescue vehicles  
3 are not liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions  
4 in good faith in furnishing emergency medical services.  
5 This immunity does not apply to acts or omissions  
6 constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton  
7 misconduct. For purposes of this section, "unpaid  
8 volunteers" means persons who either receive incidental  
9 remuneration on a per call basis or receive no more than  
10 one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) annually for volunteer  
11 ambulance and rescue activities. The immunity provided by  
12 this subsection shall extend to a physician while serving  
13 as medical director of any ambulance service, to hospitals  
14 and hospital employees for activities directly related to  
15 providing clinical training as part of an emergency medical  
16 service class approved by the department of health, and to  
17 students while participating in emergency medical services  
18 training approved by the department of health. If an  
19 unpaid volunteer's, medical director's, hospital's or  
20 trainee's acts or omissions are subject to the provisions  
21 of the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act, immunity under this  
22 section is waived to the extent of the maximum liability  
23 provided under W.S. 1-39-118.

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1           **Section 2.**    This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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