

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to civil actions; modifying volunteer protections during an emergency or  
1.3 disaster; specifying immunity for certain entities; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2008, sections 12.03, by adding a subdivision; 12.22, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 12.03, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 4e. **Entity.** "Entity" includes a firm, corporation, association, limited liability  
1.9 company, partnership, limited liability partnership, nonprofit organization, or other  
1.10 business, religious, or charitable organization.

1.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 12.22, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
1.13 read:

1.14 Subd. 2b. **Entity volunteer protections.** (a) An entity or an agent acting on behalf  
1.15 of the entity who volunteers without compensation or the expectation of compensation to  
1.16 assist a local jurisdiction during an emergency or disaster, who previously registers with  
1.17 that jurisdiction, and who is under the direction and control of the local jurisdiction is  
1.18 not liable for civil damages or administrative sanctions as a result of good-faith acts or  
1.19 omissions by that entity or agent in rendering emergency care, advice, or assistance.

1.20 (b) An entity or an agent acting on behalf of the entity who volunteers without  
1.21 compensation or the expectation of compensation to assist the state during an emergency  
1.22 or disaster, who previously registers with a state agency, and who is under the direction  
1.23 and control of the state agency is not liable for civil damages or administrative sanctions

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2.1 as a result of good-faith acts or omissions by that entity or agent in rendering emergency  
2.2 care, advice, or assistance.

2.3 (c) This subdivision does not apply if the entity or agent acts in a willful and wanton  
2.4 or reckless manner in providing the care, advice, or assistance.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment,  
2.6 and applies to actions accruing on or after the date.