



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE DURING PERIODS OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Public Health may issue an order to temporarily suspend the  
3 requirements for licensure, certification or registration, pursuant to  
4 chapters 334b, 370, 376, 376c, 378, 378a, 381a, 383 to 383c, inclusive,  
5 384d, 385, 395, 400a and 474 of the general statutes, to allow persons  
6 who are appropriately licensed, certified or registered in another state  
7 or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, to render  
8 temporary assistance in managing an emergency in this state, for a  
9 period not to exceed sixty consecutive days, rising from natural  
10 disaster, technological hazard, man-made disaster, civil emergency  
11 aspects of resources shortages, community disorders, insurgency or  
12 enemy attack.

13 (b) Any licensed, certified or registered practitioner described in  
14 subsection (a) of this section who renders emergency medical or  
15 professional assistance, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, at the  
16 scene of an emergency to a person in need thereof, shall not be liable to

17 such person assisted for civil damages for any personal injuries which  
18 result from acts or omissions by such practitioner that may constitute  
19 ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this subsection does  
20 not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton  
21 negligence.

22 (c) Nothing in this section shall be deemed or construed to relieve a  
23 licensed practitioner from liability for damages for injuries or death  
24 caused by an act or omission of the part of a practitioner while  
25 rendering professional services in the normal and ordinary course of  
26 such practitioner's practice.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow the Commissioner of Public Health the authority to temporarily suspend licensure, certification or registration of certain public health professionals and provide such professionals immunity from liability during certain emergency situations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*