



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5155

February Session, 2002

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, for a period
3 not to exceed sixty consecutive days, the requirements for licensure,
4 certification or registration, pursuant to chapters 368d, 370, 376, 376c,
5 378, 378a, 381a, 383 to 383c, inclusive, 384d, 385, 395, 400a and 474 of
6 the general statutes, to allow persons who are appropriately licensed,
7 certified or registered in another state or territory of the United States
8 or the District of Columbia, to render temporary assistance in
9 managing an emergency in this state, declared pursuant to any
10 provisions of the general statutes, arising from natural disaster,
11 technological hazard, man-made disaster, civil emergency aspects of
12 resources shortages, community disorders, insurgency or enemy
13 attack.

14 (b) Any licensed, certified or registered practitioner described in
15 subsection (a) of this section who renders emergency medical or
16 professional assistance, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, at the
17 scene of an emergency to a person in need thereof, shall not be liable to
18 such person assisted for civil damages for any personal injuries which
19 result from acts or omissions by such practitioner that may constitute
20 ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this subsection does

21 not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton
22 negligence.

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

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(a) after "this state" the words "declared pursuant to any provisions of the general statutes" were added for accuracy of reference.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*