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Senate Bill 431 (Senator Miller. *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

**Volunteer Health Care Providers and Physicians - Charitable Organizations -
Definition**

This bill expands the definition of “charitable organization,” as it relates to volunteer health care provider liability, to include a tax exempt medical society. Under current law, a volunteer health care provider may be liable for damages up to the limit of insurance coverage unless the provider’s act constituted willful misconduct, gross negligence, or an intentional tort. The bill extends this liability limit to those volunteers working through a medical society.

The bill’s requirements apply to any cause of action arising on or after October 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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