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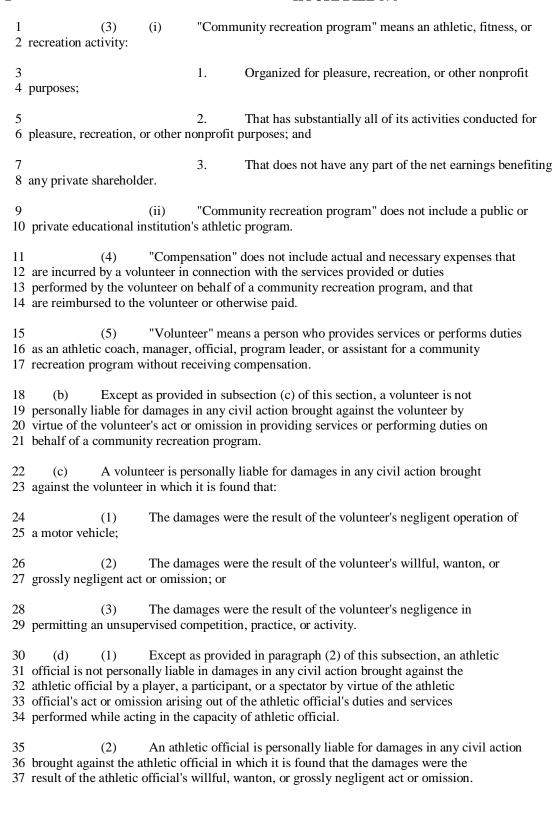
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By: Delegate Rosenberg Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2001 Assigned to: Judiciary A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Civil Actions and Procedures - Immunities and Prohibited Actions - Athletic 3 **Officials** 4 FOR the purpose of altering the defined term "athletic official" as it applies to 5 immunity from civil actions under certain circumstances; and generally relating 6 to immunities of athletic officials from civil actions. 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings 8 9 Section 5-802 10 Annotated Code of Maryland (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement) 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 12 13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 14 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings** 15 5-802. In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. 16 (a) (1) 17 (2) "Athletic official" means an individual [who officiates, referees, or 18 umpires an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or any other amateur athletic contest conducted by a nonprofit or governmental body] WHO: SERVES AS A REFEREE, UMPIRE, LINESMAN, OR IN A SIMILAR 20 21 CAPACITY BUT KNOWN BY ANOTHER TITLE; AND IS DULY REGISTERED BY OR A MEMBER OF A LOCAL. 22 23 STATE, REGIONAL, OR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT IS ENGAGED IN PROVIDING 24 EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO ATHLETIC OFFICIALS; OR 25 2. IS OFFICIATING AT AN INTERSCHOLASTIC, 26 INTERCOLLEGIATE, OR ANY OTHER AMATEUR ATHLETIC CONTEST CONDUCTED BY A

27 NONPROFIT OR GOVERNMENTAL BODY.

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- 1 (e) (1) This section does not create, and may not be construed as creating, a 2 new cause of action or substantive legal right against an athletic official or a 3 volunteer.
- 4 (2) This section does not affect, and may not be construed as affecting, 5 any immunities from civil liability or defenses established by any other provision of 6 the Code or available at common law, to which an athletic official or volunteer may be 7 entitled.
- 8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 9 October 1, 2001.