



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB4478

Introduced 1/17/2024, by Rep. Brad Halbrook

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/5-1189 new

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the Shelby County Board may form, manage, fund, and operate a volunteer rescue squad to provide assistance within Shelby County to any public entity providing law enforcement, firefighting, emergency disaster response, or first responder services. Provides that the volunteer rescue squad may (i) locate missing persons, including drowning victims, (ii) perform a supporting, and not direct, role in fighting fires, and (iii) extricate persons from unsafe conditions. Provides that the Shelby County Board may provide benefits for rescue squad volunteers who suffer disease, injury, or death in the line of duty.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
5 5-1189 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1189 new)

7 Sec. 5-1189. Shelby County rescue squad. The Shelby County  
8 Board may form, manage, fund, and operate a volunteer rescue  
9 squad to provide assistance within Shelby County to any public  
10 entity providing law enforcement, firefighting, emergency  
11 disaster response, or first responder services. The volunteer  
12 rescue squad may (i) locate missing persons, including  
13 drowning victims, (ii) perform a supporting, and not direct,  
14 role in fighting fires, and (iii) extricate persons from  
15 unsafe conditions. The Shelby County Board may provide  
16 benefits for rescue squad volunteers who suffer disease,  
17 injury, or death in the line of duty.