



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

745 ILCS 49/30

Amends the Good Samaritan Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning free medical clinics.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil liability.

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

4 Section 5. The Good Samaritan Act is amended by changing
5 Section 30 as follows:

6 (745 ILCS 49/30)

7 Sec. 30. Free medical clinic; exemption from civil
8 liability for services performed without compensation.

9 (a) A person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of
10 1987, a person licensed to practice the treatment of human
11 ailments in any other state or territory of the United States,
12 or a health care professional, including but not limited to an
13 advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, nurse,
14 pharmacist, physical therapist, podiatrist, or social worker
15 licensed in Illinois ~~this State~~ or any other state or territory
16 of the United States, who, in good faith, provides medical
17 treatment, diagnosis, or advice as a part of the services of an
18 established free medical clinic providing care to medically
19 indigent patients which is limited to care that does not
20 require the services of a licensed hospital or ambulatory
21 surgical treatment center and who receives no fee or
22 compensation from that source shall not be liable for civil
23 damages as a result of his or her acts or omissions in
24 providing that medical treatment, except for willful or wanton
25 misconduct.

26 (b) For purposes of this Section, a "free medical clinic"
27 is an organized community based program providing medical care
28 without charge to individuals unable to pay for it, at which
29 the care provided does not include the use of general
30 anesthesia or require an overnight stay in a health-care
31 facility.

32 (c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this Section do not

1 apply to a particular case unless the free medical clinic has
2 posted in a conspicuous place on its premises an explanation of
3 the exemption from civil liability provided herein.

4 (d) The immunity from civil damages provided under
5 subsection (a) also applies to physicians, hospitals, and other
6 health care providers that provide further medical treatment,
7 diagnosis, or advice to a patient upon referral from an
8 established free medical clinic without fee or compensation.

9 (e) Nothing in this Section prohibits a free medical clinic
10 from accepting voluntary contributions for medical services
11 provided to a patient who has acknowledged his or her ability
12 and willingness to pay a portion of the value of the medical
13 services provided.

14 Any voluntary contribution collected for providing care at
15 a free medical clinic shall be used only to pay overhead
16 expenses of operating the clinic. No portion of any moneys
17 collected shall be used to provide a fee or other compensation
18 to any person licensed under Medical Practice Act of 1987.

19 (Source: P.A. 89-607, eff. 1-1-97; 90-742, eff. 8-13-98.)