

CHAPTER 224—H.F.No. 2709

An act relating to civil actions; modifying volunteer protections during an emergency or disaster; specifying immunity for certain entities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 12.03, by adding a subdivision; 12.22, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 12.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4e. **Entity.** "Entity" includes a firm, corporation, association, limited liability company, partnership, limited liability partnership, nonprofit organization, or other business, religious, or charitable organization.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 12.22, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2b. **Entity volunteer protections.** (a) An entity or an agent acting on behalf of the entity who volunteers without compensation or the expectation of compensation to assist a local jurisdiction during an emergency or disaster, who previously registers with that jurisdiction, and who is under the direction and control of the local jurisdiction is not liable for civil damages or administrative sanctions as a result of good-faith acts or omissions by that entity or agent in rendering emergency care, advice, or assistance.

(b) An entity or an agent acting on behalf of the entity who volunteers without compensation or the expectation of compensation to assist the state during an emergency or disaster, who previously registers with a state agency, and who is under the direction and control of the state agency is not liable for civil damages or administrative sanctions as a result of good-faith acts or omissions by that entity or agent in rendering emergency care, advice, or assistance.

(c) This subdivision does not apply if the entity or agent acts in a willful and wanton or reckless manner in providing the care, advice, or assistance.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment, and applies to actions accruing on or after the date.

Presented to the governor April 8, 2010

Signed by the governor April 10, 2010, 8:13 a.m.