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A bill for an act

relating to civil actions; prohibiting waivers of liability for negligent conduct; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604.

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

Section 1. **[604.055] WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENT CONDUCT.**

An agreement between parties that purports to release, limit, or waive the liability of one party for damage arising out of the negligence of that party or a defect in the party's premises is against public policy and void and unenforceable. The agreement is severable from a waiver of liability for injuries resulting from the risk inherent in a particular activity.

For purposes of this section, "party" or "parties" includes a person, agent, servant or employee of that party or parties, and includes a minor or another who is authorized to sign or accept the agreement on behalf of the minor.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2011, and applies to causes of action commenced on or after that date.