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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 537, RSMo, relating to torts and actions for damages by adding thereto one new section relating to volunteer liability.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 537, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 537.119, to read as follows:

537.119. 1. As used in this section, the term "volunteer civic activities" means voluntary participation by a person of at least twenty-one years of age in a leadership or mentor role within an organization other than the public schools devoted to providing civic activities for children age eighteen and younger, including, but not limited to, boy scouts, girl scouts, 4-H and church-related social activities.

2. A person who participates in volunteer civic activities shall not be civilly liable for acts or omissions by such person which amount to ordinary negligence in connection with the carrying out of volunteer civic activities. This section shall not be construed to provide immunity for damages occasioned by gross negligence or by willful or wanton acts or omissions.

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