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(Good samaritan Law-- extend to members of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc.)

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Sponsor(s) Dugan

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SENATE, No. 1727

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By Senator DUGAN

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the title of "An act providing immunity to members of volunteer first aid, rescue or emergency squads providing emergency public first aid and rescue services from liability to respond in damages in certain cases," approved February 28, 1963 (P. L. 1962, c. 242), so that the same shall read "An act providing immunity to members of volunteer first aid, rescue or emergency squads and to volunteer members of the National Ski Patrol System providing emergency public first aid and rescue services from liability to respond in damages in certain cases" and amending the body of said act.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The title of P. L. 1962, c. 242 (C. 2A:53A-12) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 An act providing immunity to members of volunteer first aid,
4 rescue or emergency squads *and to volunteer members of the Na-*
5 *tional Ski Patrol System* providing emergency public first aid and
6 rescue services from liability to respond in damages in certain
7 cases.

1 2. Section 1 of P. L. 1962, c. 242 (C. 2A:53A-12) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 1. No member of a volunteer first aid, rescue or emergency
4 squad, *or volunteer member of the National Ski Patrol System,*
5 which provides emergency public first aid and rescue services shall
6 be liable in any civil action to respond in damages as a result of
7 his acts of commission or omission arising out of and in the course
8 of his rendering in good faith any such services as such member
9 but such immunity from liability shall not extend to the operation
10 of any motor vehicle in connection with such services.

11 Nothing herein shall be deemed to grant any such immunity to
12 any person causing damage by his willful or wanton act of com-
13 mission or omission.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The National Ski Patrol System, Inc. is an organization of volunteers dedicated to providing first aid services to the skiing public. It was founded in 1938 and has a current membership in excess of 25,000 volunteers. In New Jersey there are approximately 525 members. A member of NSPS is required to be a holder of an advanced American Red Cross first aid card and must undergo thorough training in mountain rescue techniques.

The rescue services provided by members of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. are essentially the same as those provided by members of volunteer first aid, rescue or emergency squads with the obvious exceptions of the restriction of NSPS services to ski slopes and ski areas. The purpose of this bill is to extend the protection of the "good samaritan" law, which now covers members of volunteer first aid, rescue and emergency squads, to volunteer members of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc.