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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Sponsor(s): Girgenti and Marsella

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Senate: Law, Public Safety and Defense

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2467

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 12, 1986

By Assemblymen GIRGENTI and MARSELLA

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

1 1. Section 1 of P. L. 1963, c. 140 (C. 2A:62A-1) is amended to
2 read as follows:

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4 method of treatment of human ailments, disease, pain, injury, de-
5 formity, mental or physical condition, or licensed to render services
6 ancillary thereto, *or any person who is a *volunteer* member of a*
7 **duly incorporated* first aid *and emergency* or *volunteer**
8 *ambulance *or rescue* squad *association**, who in good faith
9 renders emergency care at the scene of an accident or emergency to
10 the victim or victims thereof, *or while transporting the victim or*
11 *victims thereof to a hospital or other facility where treatment or*
12 *care is to be rendered*, shall not be liable for any civil damages as
13 a result of any acts or omissions by such person in rendering the
14 emergency care.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

AMBULANCE, FIRE, RESCUE SQUADS

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Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Assembly committee amendments adopted May 18, 1987.**

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STATEMENT

This bill clarifies the fact that volunteer members of a first aid or ambulance squad are granted the same immunity from liability for civil damages when rendering emergency care at the scene of an accident, or when transporting accident victims to a hospital, as other individuals are granted by the "Good Samaritan Act," P. L. 1963, c. 140 (C. 2A:62A-1 et seq.).

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Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

ASSEMBLY LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, DEFENSE AND
CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2467

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 27, 1987

The Assembly Law, Public Safety, Defense and Corrections Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2467 with amendments.

Assembly Bill No. 2467 amends section 1 of the "Good Samaritan Act," P. L. 1963, c. 140 (C. 2A:62A-1) to clarify that the immunity from liability for civil damages afforded under that act extends to include the members of volunteer first aid, rescue and ambulance squads. Under the provisions of the bill, the members of these volunteer squads who in good faith render emergency care at the scene of an accident or emergency, or who transport the victim or victims of an accident or emergency to a hospital or other facility for treatment are not liable for any civil damages resulting from any acts or omissions occurring during the rendering of that emergency care or transportation.

The committee amended the bill to clarify further the volunteers covered by the provisions of the bill. As amended by the committee, the grant of immunity afforded under the bill applies to the volunteer members of any duly incorporated first aid, emergency, ambulance, or rescue squad or association.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2467

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 6, 1987

The Senate Law, Public Safety, and Defense Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2467 OCR.

Assembly Bill No. 2467 amends section 1 of the "Good Samaritan Act", P. L. 1963, c. 140 (C. 2A:62A-1) to clarify that the immunity from liability for civil damages under that act extends (1) to volunteer members of any duly incorporated first aid, emergency, ambulance, or rescue squad or association who in good faith render emergency medical care at the scene of an accident or emergency, and (2) to any individual who transports a victim of an accident or emergency to a hospital or other facility for medical treatment. These persons will not be liable for damages resulting from any act or omission occurring during the rendering of that emergency care or transportation.