
SENATE BILL 5816

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By Senator Finkbeiner

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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting persons who provide volunteer
2 emergency services; and adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Any person, including but not limited to contractors, builders,
7 tradespeople, and other providers of construction, remodel, or repair
8 services, who, without compensation or the expectation of compensation,
9 renders emergency repairs to any structure at the scene of any
10 accident, disaster, or emergency that has caused or resulted in damage
11 to the structure is not liable for civil damages resulting from any act
12 or omission in the rendering of such emergency repairs, other than acts
13 or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton
14 misconduct. Any person rendering emergency repairs during the course
15 of regular employment and receiving compensation or expecting to
16 receive compensation for rendering such repairs is excluded from the
17 protection of this section.

18 For the purposes of this section, "accident, disaster, or

1 emergency" includes an earthquake, windstorm, hurricane, landslide,
2 flood, volcanic eruption, explosion, fire, or any similar occurrence.

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