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S.B. No. 694

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to liability of a religious organization or an employee or  
volunteer of a religious organization for security services  
provided to the organization.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 84, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is  
amended by adding Section 84.0067 to read as follows:

Sec. 84.0067. LIABILITY ARISING FROM PROVISION OF SECURITY  
SERVICES TO RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION. (a) In this section:

(1) "Religious organization" means a charitable  
organization that is a religious organization under Section  
110.011(b).

(2) "Security personnel" means an individual:

(A) whom a religious organization hires to  
provide security services to the organization as an employee; or

(B) who is a volunteer of a religious  
organization whose duties or functions include providing security  
services to the organization.

(b) A religious organization or security personnel of a  
religious organization is immune from civil liability for any act  
or omission by the security personnel resulting in death, damage,  
or injury if the security personnel was acting in the course and  
scope of the security personnel's employment or volunteer duties or  
functions, as applicable, to provide security services to the

1 organization, including:

2 (1) notwithstanding Section 84.007(a), an intentional  
3 act; and

4 (2) an act involving possession or use of a firearm.

5 SECTION 2. Section 84.0067, Civil Practice and Remedies  
6 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a cause of action that  
7 accrues on or after the effective date of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.