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S.B. No. 694

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to liability of a religious organization or an employee or
3 volunteer of a religious organization for security services
4 provided to the organization.

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

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

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

10 (1) "Religious organization" means a charitable
11 organization that is a religious organization under Section
12 110.011(b).

13 (2) "Security personnel" means an individual:

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

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

19 (b) A religious organization or security personnel of a
20 religious organization is immune from civil liability for any act
21 or omission by the security personnel resulting in death, damage,
22 or injury if the security personnel was acting in the course and
23 scope of the security personnel's employment or volunteer duties or
24 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.