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H.B. No. 687

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to liability of a governmental unit for personal injury and death caused by the governmental unit's negligence.

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

SECTION 1. Section 101.021, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 101.021. GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY. A governmental unit in the state is liable for:

(1) property damage, personal injury, and death proximately caused by the wrongful act or omission or the negligence of an employee acting within his scope of employment if:

(A) the property damage, personal injury, or death arises from the operation or use of a motor-driven vehicle or motor-driven equipment; and

(B) the employee would be personally liable to the claimant according to Texas law; and

(2) personal injury and death ~~[so]~~ caused by the negligence of ~~[a condition or use of tangible personal or real property if]~~ the governmental unit if the governmental unit would, were it a private person, be liable to the claimant according to Texas law.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action that accrues before the effective date

1 of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that
2 date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.