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S.B. No. 1560

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to liability of certain local emergency management or homeland security organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 101.001(1), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Emergency service organization" means:

(A) a volunteer fire department, rescue squad, or an emergency medical services provider that is:

(i) ~~[(A)]~~ operated by its members; and

(ii) ~~[(B)]~~ exempt from state taxes by being listed as an exempt organization under Section 151.310 or 171.083, Tax Code; or

(B) a local emergency management or homeland security organization that is:

(i) formed and operated as a state resource in accordance with the statewide homeland security strategy developed by the governor under Section 421.002, Government Code; and

(ii) responsive to the Texas Division of Emergency Management in carrying out an all-hazards emergency management program under Section 418.112, Government Code.

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

1 this Act. A cause of action that accrues before the effective date  
2 of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the  
3 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for  
4 that purpose.

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