

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**February 20, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Tryon D. Lewis, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB487** by Bell (Relating to liability of certain persons assisting in hazardous or dangerous situations.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend sections of the Local Government Code to authorize a municipality or a county to accept voluntary assistance in hazardous or dangerous situations relating to fire safety and protection.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to clarify that an owner or licensed operator of construction or other heavy equipment would not be liable for an act or omission that is not reckless or intentional, that occurs while providing voluntary assistance to a municipality or a county.

**Local Government Impact**

There could be a fiscal impact to a municipality or a county in hazardous or dangerous situations; however, those amounts would vary depending on the severity of the act or omission which resulted in damages that a volunteer would not be liable for reimbursing to the local entity.

**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** UP, CL, TP