

H. B. 2034

(By Delegate Williams)

[Introduced January 14, 2015; referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary.]

BILL to amend and reenact §55-7-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing to hospital volunteers immunity from civil liability for emergency services rendered in good faith without remuneration at a hospital.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §55-7-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7. ACTIONS FOR INJURIES.

§55-7-15. Aid to victim of accident and victim of crime; aid by hospital volunteer; immunity from civil liability.

(a) No person, including a person licensed to practice medicine or dentistry, who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an accident or to a victim at the scene of a crime, without remuneration, shall be liable for any civil damages as the result of any act or omission in rendering such emergency care.

- 1 (b) Hospital volunteers who, in good faith and without remuneration, render emergency care
2 to a patient in a hospital are not liable for any civil damages as the result of any act or omission in
3 rendering the emergency care.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt hospital volunteers who, in good faith render emergency care at a hospital without remuneration, from civil liability for rendering those services.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.