

Legislative Analysis



GOOD SAMARITAN ACTS OF BLEEDING CONTROL

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House Bill 5742 as reported
Sponsor: Rep. Carrie A. Rheingans

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House Bill 5743 as reported
Sponsor: Rep. Dave Prestin

Committee: Judiciary
Complete to 12-11-24

SUMMARY:

House Bill 5743 would amend 1963 PA 17, known as the Good Samaritan act, to provide that an individual who voluntarily applies bleeding control to another individual (through pressure, a dressing, packing, or a tourniquet), when they have no duty to do so and are acting in a good-faith response to an emergency medical situation, is not liable in a civil action for damages resulting from an act or omission in applying the bleeding control, except for an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

Proposed MCL 691.1508

House Bill 5742 would amend 2006 PA 23, which regulates certain health clubs regarding potential medical emergencies, to update a reference to the Good Samaritan act to reflect changes made by HB 5743. (Because House Bill 5743 would add a new section to the end of the Good Samaritan act, the range of sections used to cite it would also change.)

MCL 333.26313

Neither bill could take effect unless both bills were enacted.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bills 5742 and 5743 would not have any impact on the state or local units of government.

POSITIONS:

Representatives of the Michigan Trauma Coalition testified in support of the bills.
(6-12-24)

The following entities indicated support for the bills (6-12-24):

- Michigan Sheriffs' Association
- Michigan Health and Hospital Association

- Trinity Health
- Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
- Michigan Fraternal Order of Police
- Michigan Association of Ambulance Services

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