

Senate Bill 305

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Pearson of the 51st, Heath of the 31st, Thomas of the 54th and Mullis of the 53rd

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to organization and administration of emergency management, so as to revise a
3 provision relating to the licensing of nongovernmental rescue organizations; to provide a
4 short title; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating
5 to torts in general, so as to revise certain provisions relating to liability of persons and entities
6 in emergency situations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and
7 applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

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SECTION 1.

11 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Corporate Good Samaritan Act of 2008."

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SECTION 2.

13 Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
14 organization and administration of emergency management, is amended by revising
15 subsection (a) of Code Section 38-3-36, relating to the director licensing nongovernmental
16 rescue organizations, as follows:

17 "(a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of this Code section, all
18 nongovernmental rescue organizations, associations, groups, teams, search and rescue dog
19 teams, or individuals, whether or not they are holders of a charter issued by this state or
20 officers thereof, shall be prohibited from performing any rescue or emergency management
21 type activity until the organization, association, group, team, search and rescue dog team,
22 or individual has been licensed by the director of emergency management to perform the
23 activities. It is expressly declared that Articles 1 through 3 of this chapter shall not amend,
24 repeal, alter, or affect in any manner Code Section 51-1-29 or Code Section 51-1-29.2."

