

House Bill 1188

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions regarding torts, so as to provide for immunity from civil damages for  
3 certain conduct in regard to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); to provide for  
4 definitions; to provide for an exception; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
9 provisions regarding torts, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "51-1-56.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'COVID-19' means coronavirus disease 2019.

13 (2) 'Person' means any individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership,  
14 firm, corporation, limited liability company, association, or any other entity or organized  
15 group of individuals whether or not incorporated engaged in any activity with the object  
16 of:

17 (A) Direct or indirect profit or gain, benefit, or advantage; or

18 (B) Nonprofit activity.

19 (b) No person shall be liable for any civil damages for the transmission of, or for injury  
20 or injuries resulting from, COVID-19 that arise out of activity with the object of direct or  
21 indirect profit or gain, benefit, advantage, or nonprofit activity unless actions during such  
22 activity were willful and wanton for such transmission or injury or injuries."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.