

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3840

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to torts; defining terms; providing immunity from liability for first responders; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5.7.1 of Title 76, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Emergency" means a situation that:

- a. poses an immediate threat to life, health, property or the environment, or any combination thereof,
- b. has already caused loss of life, personal injury, property damage, environmental damage, or any combination thereof, or

1           c.    has a high probability of escalating to cause  
2                immediate danger to life, health, property or the  
3                environment, or any combination thereof; and

4           2.    "First responder" means a peace officer, a firefighter, a  
5   certified emergency medical responder as defined by Section 1-2503  
6   of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, licensed emergency medical  
7   personnel as defined by Section 1-2503 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma  
8   Statutes, or a person licensed to provide health care services in  
9   this state.

10          B.   Any first responder who in good faith responds to an  
11   emergency shall not be liable for damages resulting from the conduct  
12   of the first responder during the response to the emergency.

13          SECTION 2.   This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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