

GOOD CITIZENS BILL, 2016

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause

1. No liability for emergency aid unless gross negligence is proven
2. Persons covered
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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO OFFER LEGAL PROTECTION TO PEOPLE WHO GIVE REASONABLE ASSISTANCE AND MEDICAL SERVICES OR AID TO AN ILL, INJURED OR UNCONSCIOUS PERSON, AT THE IMMEDIATE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT OR EMERGENCY THAT HAS CAUSED THE ILLNESS, INJURY OR UNCONSCIOUSNESS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike G.

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 1. A person who renders emergency medical services or aid to an
2 ill, injured or unconscious person, at the immediate scene of an accident or
3 emergency that has caused the illness, injury or unconsciousness, is not
4 liable for damages for injury to or death of that person caused by the person's
5 act or omission in rendering the medical services or aid unless it is proven
6 that the person is grossly negligent.

No liability for emergency aid unless gross negligence is proven

7 2. Section 1 applies to:

Persons covered

8 (a) a medical or health care professional who provides emergency
9 health care services or first aid assistance to a person who is ill, injured or
10 unconscious as a result of an accident or other emergency, if the health care
11 professional does not provide the services or assistance at a hospital or other
12 place having appropriate health care facilities and equipment for that
13 purpose; and

14 (b) an individual, other than a medical or health care professional
15 described in clause (a), who provides emergency first aid assistance or help
16 to a person who is ill, injured or unconscious as a result of an accident or
17 other emergency, if the individual provides such assistance at the immediate
18 scene of the accident or emergency.

Persons not covered

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3. Section 1 does not apply if the person rendering the medical services or aid:

(a) is employed expressly for that purpose, or

(b) does so with a view to gain.

4. This Bill may be cited as the Good Citizens Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to offer legal protection as well as encourage Nigerian citizens to give reasonable and sincere assistance to accident victims or people who are believed to be injured, unconscious, incapacitated or in poor/bad conditions without fear of implications