

# SENATE . . . . . No. 929

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 929) of Bruce E. Tarr and Anthony J. Verga for legislation to provide a "good samaritan"-like immunity for volunteers in service. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

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### AN ACT PROVIDING A "GOOD SAMARITAN"-LIKE IMMUNITY FOR VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. No person who serves without compensation,  
2 other than reimbursement for actual expenses, as a volunteer in  
3 assisting municipal government or school programs shall be liable  
4 for any civil damages as a result of any acts or omissions relating  
5 solely to the performance of his duties as such volunteer; pro-  
6 vided, however, that the immunity conferred by this section shall  
7 not apply to any acts or omissions intentionally designed to harm  
8 or do any grossly negligent acts or omissions which result in harm  
9 to the person. Nothing in this section shall be construed as  
10 affecting or modifying any existing legal basis for determining the  
11 liability, or any defense thereto, of any person not covered by the  
12 immunity conferred by this section. The municipality for which  
13 such services are rendered shall likewise be immune.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon  
2 its passage.

