

State of Arizona
Senate
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SENATE BILL 1291

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 32-1473; AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA
REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 36-420; RELATING TO EMERGENCY AID.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 13, article 4, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 32-1473, to read:

4 32-1473. Emergency care or assistance to persons who have
5 fallen; nonliability; exception

6 A PERSON WHO IN GOOD FAITH RENDERS EMERGENCY CARE OR EMERGENCY
7 ASSISTANCE TO A PERSON WHO HAS FALLEN IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY CIVIL DAMAGES
8 AS THE RESULT OF ANY ACT OR OMISSION BY THE PERSON RENDERING THE EMERGENCY
9 CARE OR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE PERSON WHO HAS FALLEN, UNLESS THE
10 PERSON ACTED WITH GROSS NEGLIGENCE WHILE RENDERING THE EMERGENCY CARE OR
11 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, IF THE PERSON RENDERING AID ACTED UNDER ANY OF THE
12 FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

13 1. AT THE SPECIFIC DIRECTION OF AN EMERGENCY DISPATCH OPERATOR.

14 2. TO PREVENT FURTHER IMMINENT AND SERIOUS INJURY TO THE PERSON WHO
15 HAS FALLEN.

16 3. WHEN THE FALLEN PERSON APPEARED TO NOT BE INJURED AND STATED
17 THAT THE FALLEN PERSON WAS NOT INJURED AND REQUESTED TO BE ASSISTED TO A
18 SITTING OR STANDING POSITION OR OTHER POSITION.

19 Sec. 2. Title 36, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
20 is amended by adding section 36-420, to read:

21 36-420. Health care institutions; fall prevention; fall
22 recovery; training program

23 EACH SKILLED NURSING FACILITY AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY SHALL
24 DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ALL FACILITY STAFF REGARDING
25 FALL PREVENTION AND FALL RECOVERY. THE TRAINING PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE
26 INITIAL TRAINING AND CONTINUED COMPETENCY IN FALL PREVENTION AND FALL
27 RECOVERY. A FACILITY MAY USE INFORMATION AND TRAINING MATERIALS FROM THE
28 DEPARTMENT'S ARIZONA FALLS PREVENTION COALITION IN DEVELOPING THE
29 FACILITY'S TRAINING PROGRAM.