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HOUSE BILL NO. 828



Introduced by Hon. Julianne L. Baronda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

I am pleased to present a piece of legislation intended to encourage individuals to provide assistance to those in need without fear of legal repercussions. The primary purpose and intent of this Act are to establish legal protection for Good Samaritans who voluntarily and in good faith offer assistance during emergencies or to individuals in distress.

The concept of the Good Samaritan, drawn from the biblical parable, underscores the moral duty to assist those in need. However, individuals are often deterred from providing aid due to fears of legal consequences or liability. The Good Samaritan Protection Act addresses this concern by establishing legal safeguards for those who act selflessly and in good faith to assist others in times of emergency or distress. This immunity protects them from civil liability for any unintentional harm that may occur as a result of their assistance, provided their actions were reasonable and in accordance with the circumstances.

While granting legal protection, the act includes provisions to exclude immunity in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct. This ensures that individuals who act recklessly or with deliberate disregard for safety are not shielded from legal consequences. The legislation is designed to apply broadly across different scenarios, including medical emergencies, accidents, and situations requiring immediate assistance. It recognizes that Good Samaritan acts can take various forms and aims to provide protection across diverse situations.

This Act aims to contribute to the overall well-being of communities by fostering a sense of shared responsibility and encouraging individuals to act in the best interests of those in need.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT PROTECTING GOOD SAMARITANS WHO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO
THOSE IN NEED**

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. – *Short Title.* - This act shall be known as the “*Good Samaritan Protection Act of 2025.*”

SECTION 2. – *Purpose and Intent.* - This legislation is intended to encourage individuals to provide assistance to those in need without fear of legal repercussions. It aims to establish legal protection for Good Samaritans who voluntarily and in good faith offer assistance during emergencies or to individuals in distress.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* - As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean:

- a) Good Samaritan - An individual who voluntarily and in good faith provides reasonable assistance to another person in need of emergency care, assistance, or aid.
- b) Emergency: A situation that poses an imminent threat to a person's life, safety, or well-being, including but not limited to medical emergencies, accidents, and incidents involving personal safety.

SECTION 4. *Immunity from Liability.* - A Good Samaritan who provides reasonable assistance during an emergency, as defined in Section 3(b), shall be immune from civil liability for any injuries or damages resulting from their actions or omissions in providing assistance, provided that they acted in good faith and without gross negligence or willful misconduct. This immunity from liability shall extend to actions such as administering first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), using an automated external defibrillator (AED), or any other reasonable assistance that can be reasonably expected of a person with similar training and experience.

SECTION 5. *Exceptions to Immunity.* - The immunity from liability provided in this Act shall not apply if the Good Samaritan's actions were grossly negligent, willfully malicious, or in violation of any applicable laws or regulations. The immunity shall not apply to medical professionals providing assistance in their professional capacity, as they are governed by their respective professional standards and regulations.

SECTION 6. *Non-Discrimination.* - The protection provided by this Act shall apply without regard to the race, gender, religion, nationality, or any other characteristic of the person receiving assistance.

SECTION 7. *Public Awareness.* – The government shall undertake public awareness campaigns to educate the public about the provisions of this Act and the importance of Good Samaritan actions in emergencies.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation and the Official Gazette.

Approved.