SENATE BILL No. 524

June 28, 2011, Introduced by Senators PROOS, NOFS, MARLEAU, JANSEN, PAPPAGEORGE, WALKER, ROBERTSON, EMMONS and MEEKHOF and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1963 PA 17, entitled

"An act to relieve certain persons from civil liability when rendering emergency care, when rendering care to persons involved in competitive sports under certain circumstances, or when participating in a mass immunization program approved by the department of public health,"

(MCL 691.1501 to 691.1507) by adding section 6.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 SEC. 6. (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CERTIFIED AS A LIFEGUARD BY A
- 2 CERTIFYING ORGANIZATION AND WHO, WHILE ON DUTY AS A LIFEGUARD,
- 3 PERFORMS LIFEGUARDING ACTIVITIES OR RENDERS OTHER EMERGENCY CARE IS
- 4 NOT LIABLE FOR CIVIL DAMAGES THAT RESULT FROM AN ACT OR OMISSION
- 5 ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIFEGUARDING ACTIVITIES OR EMERGENCY CARE
- 6 UNLESS THE ACT OR OMISSION IS THE RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR
- 7 WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.
 - (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "CERTIFYING ORGANIZATION" MEANS

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- 1 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 2 (A) THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.
- 3 (B) THE STARFISH AQUATICS INSTITUTE.
- 4 (C) THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
- 5 (D) THE NATIONAL AQUATIC SAFETY COMPANY.
- 6 (E) JEFF ELLIS & ASSOCIATES, INC.
- 7 (F) ANY SIMILAR ORGANIZATION THAT CERTIFIES LIFEGUARDS.