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House Bill 4420 (Substitute H-3 as passed by the House)

Sponsor: Representative Gerald Law House Committee: Health Policy Senate Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Good Samaritan law to provide that an individual who had no duty to do so and who, in good faith, voluntarily rendered emergency services to another individual using an automated external defibrillator, would not be liable in a civil action for damages resulting from an act or omission in rendering the emergency services, except for an act or omission that constituted gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. The bill would apply only to a civil action that was filed or pending on or after July 1, 1999.

(The Good Samaritan law currently provides that persons who in good faith voluntarily render cardiopulmonary resuscitation to another person are immune from liability as long as their actions do not constitute gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. The bill would retain that provision.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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