

# HOUSE BILL No. 1559

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 34-13-3-3.

**Synopsis:** State immunity for computer errors. Grants immunity to the state of Indiana, a political subdivision, and any employee of the state or a political subdivision from tort and contract liability that is caused by an error resulting from or caused by a failure to recognize the year 1999, 2000, or a subsequent year, including an incorrect date or incorrect mechanical or electronic interpretation of a date that is produced, calculated, or generated by a computer, an information system, or equipment using microchips.

**Effective:** December 31, 1998 (retroactive).

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January 19, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning civil law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 34-13-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 1998 (RETROACTIVE)]:  
3 Sec. 3. A governmental entity or an employee acting within the scope  
4 of the employee's employment is not liable if a loss results from:  
5 (1) the natural condition of unimproved property;  
6 (2) the condition of a reservoir, dam, canal, conduit, drain, or  
7 similar structure when used by a person for a purpose that is not  
8 foreseeable;  
9 (3) the temporary condition of a public thoroughfare that results  
10 from weather;  
11 (4) the condition of an unpaved road, trail, or footpath, the  
12 purpose of which is to provide access to a recreation or scenic  
13 area;  
14 (5) the initiation of a judicial or an administrative proceeding;  
15 (6) the performance of a discretionary function; however, the  
16 provision of medical or optical care as provided in IC 34-6-2-38  
17 shall be considered as a ministerial act;

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- 1 (7) the adoption and enforcement of or failure to adopt or enforce  
2 a law (including rules and regulations), unless the act of  
3 enforcement constitutes false arrest or false imprisonment;  
4 (8) an act or omission performed in good faith and without malice  
5 under the apparent authority of a statute which is invalid if the  
6 employee would not have been liable had the statute been valid;  
7 (9) the act or omission of anyone other than the governmental  
8 entity or the governmental entity's employee;  
9 (10) the issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of, or failure  
10 or refusal to issue, deny, suspend, or revoke, any permit, license,  
11 certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization, where the  
12 authority is discretionary under the law;  
13 (11) failure to make an inspection, or making an inadequate or  
14 negligent inspection, of any property, other than the property of  
15 a governmental entity, to determine whether the property  
16 complied with or violates any law or contains a hazard to health  
17 or safety;  
18 (12) entry upon any property where the entry is expressly or  
19 impliedly authorized by law;  
20 (13) misrepresentation if unintentional;  
21 (14) theft by another person of money in the employee's official  
22 custody, unless the loss was sustained because of the employee's  
23 own negligent or wrongful act or omission;  
24 (15) injury to the property of a person under the jurisdiction and  
25 control of the department of correction if the person has not  
26 exhausted the administrative remedies and procedures provided  
27 by section 7 of this chapter;  
28 (16) injury to the person or property of a person under supervision  
29 of a governmental entity and who is:  
30 (A) on probation; or  
31 (B) assigned to an alcohol and drug services program under  
32 IC 12-23, a minimum security release program under  
33 IC 11-10-8, or a community corrections program under  
34 IC 11-12;  
35 (17) design of a highway (as defined in IC 9-13-2-73) if the  
36 claimed loss occurs at least twenty (20) years after the public  
37 highway was designed or substantially redesigned; except that  
38 this subdivision shall not be construed to relieve a responsible  
39 governmental entity from the continuing duty to provide and  
40 maintain public highways in a reasonably safe condition;  
41 (18) development, adoption, implementation, operation,  
42 maintenance, or use of an enhanced emergency communication

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1 system; ~~or~~  
 2 (19) injury to a student or a student's property by an employee of  
 3 a school corporation if the employee is acting reasonably under a  
 4 discipline policy adopted under IC 20-8.1-5.1-7(b); **or**  
 5 **(20) an error resulting from or caused by a failure to**  
 6 **recognize the year 1999, 2000, or a subsequent year, including**  
 7 **an incorrect date or incorrect mechanical or electronic**  
 8 **interpretation of a date, that is produced, calculated, or**  
 9 **generated by:**  
 10 (A) a computer;  
 11 (B) an information system; or  
 12 (C) equipment using microchips;  
 13 that is owned or operated by a governmental entity or owned  
 14 or operated by another person under a contract with a  
 15 governmental entity. However, this subdivision does not apply  
 16 to acts or omissions amounting to gross negligence, willful or  
 17 wanton misconduct, or intentional misconduct.  
 18 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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