



January 11, 2012

# HOUSE BILL No. 1040

DIGEST OF HB 1040 (Updated January 10, 2012 11:26 am - DI 109)

**Citations Affected:** IC 34-30; IC 36-8.

**Synopsis:** Immunity for fast responders. Provides that if: (1) a county adopts an ordinance approving the provision of community fast responder services; and (2) the nonprofit corporation directing the provision of community fast responder services maintains a certain level of insurance; the liability of a community fast responder is limited to the amount of insurance. Provides that a community fast responder nonprofit corporation does not include a hospital or an entity operated or directed by a hospital. Provides that fast responders have the same immunity from liability as first responders. Requires a community fast responder nonprofit corporation to purchase an insurance policy that provides \$700,000 of insurance coverage for the liability of the corporation's community fast responders. Provides that the limit of liability of a community fast responder nonprofit corporation is \$5,000,000. Makes conforming amendments.

**Effective:** July 1, 2012.

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January 9, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.  
January 11, 2012, reported — Do Pass.

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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.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 34-30-2-156.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: **Sec. 156.5. IC 36-8-23 (Concerning**  
4 **community fast responders).**

5 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-23 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
6 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
7 1, 2012]:

8 **Chapter 23. Community Fast Responders**  
9 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "community fast responder"**  
10 **means a volunteer who may be summoned to perform**  
11 **cardiopulmonary resuscitation, defibrillation, or other emergency**  
12 **services under the direction of a nonprofit corporation.**

13 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "community fast responder**  
14 **nonprofit corporation" means a nonprofit corporation that**  
15 **organizes or directs community fast responders. The term, for**  
16 **purposes of this chapter, does not include a hospital or an entity**  
17 **operated or directed by a hospital.**

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1           **Sec. 3. IC 34-30-12-1 (the good Samaritan statute) applies to a**  
 2 **community fast responder.**  
 3           **Sec. 4. IC 16-31-6 applies to a community fast responder.**  
 4           **Sec. 5. (a) This section applies if:**  
 5               **(1) a county adopts an ordinance approving the provision of**  
 6               **community fast responder services by a community fast**  
 7               **responder nonprofit corporation; and**  
 8               **(2) the community fast responder nonprofit corporation**  
 9               **purchases an insurance policy described in subsection (b).**  
 10           **(b) A community fast responder nonprofit corporation shall**  
 11 **purchase an insurance policy that provides at least seven hundred**  
 12 **thousand dollars (\$700,000) of insurance coverage for the liability**  
 13 **of all of the corporation's community fast responders for bodily**  
 14 **injury or property damage caused by the corporation's community**  
 15 **fast responders acting within the scope of their duties.**  
 16           **(c) The civil liability of a community fast responder for:**  
 17               **(1) an act that is within the scope of a community fast**  
 18               **responder's duties; or**  
 19               **(2) the failure to do an act that is within the scope of a**  
 20               **community fast responder's duties;**  
 21 **while performing emergency services or while traveling to the**  
 22 **scene of an emergency or from the scene of an emergency is limited**  
 23 **to the coverage provided by the insurance policy purchased under**  
 24 **this section. A community fast responder may not be named in a**  
 25 **lawsuit as a nonparty and is not liable for punitive damages for any**  
 26 **act that is within the scope of the community fast responder's**  
 27 **duties.**  
 28           **(d) The civil liability of a community fast responder nonprofit**  
 29 **corporation is limited to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for injury**  
 30 **to or death of all persons in an occurrence. A community fast**  
 31 **responder nonprofit corporation is not liable for punitive damages.**  
 32           **Sec. 6. A county that adopts an ordinance under section 5(a)(1)**  
 33 **of this chapter is immune from civil liability in accordance with**  
 34 **IC 34-13-3-3.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1040, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

BORDERS, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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