

60-3601. Immunity from liability for volunteers of certain nonprofit organizations, limitations. (a)

As used in this section:

(1) "Nonprofit organization" means those nonprofit organizations exempt from federal income tax pursuant to section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect on the effective date of this act.

(2) "Compensation" does not include actual and necessary expenses that are incurred by a volunteer in connection with the services that the volunteer performs for a nonprofit organization and that are reimbursed to the volunteer or otherwise paid.

(3) "Volunteer" means an officer, director, trustee or other person who performs services for a nonprofit organization but does not receive compensation, either directly or indirectly, for those services. Volunteer does not include a person who delivers health care services to patients in a medical care facility as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto.

(b) If a nonprofit organization carries general liability insurance coverage, a volunteer of such organization shall not be liable for damages in a civil action for acts or omissions as such volunteer unless: (1) Such conduct constitutes willful or wanton misconduct or intentionally tortious conduct; or (2) such volunteer is required to be insured by law or is otherwise insured against such acts or omissions but, in such case, liability shall be only to the extent of the insurance coverage.

(c) If a nonprofit organization carries general liability insurance coverage, a volunteer of such organization shall not be liable for damages in a civil action for the actions or omissions of any of the officers, directors, trustees, employees or other volunteers of the nonprofit organization unless: (1) The volunteer authorizes, approves, ratifies or otherwise actively participates in the action or omission and the action or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct or intentionally tortious conduct; or (2) such volunteer is required to be insured by law or is otherwise insured against such acts or omissions but, in such case, liability shall be only to the extent of the insurance coverage.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the liability of a nonprofit organization for damages caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of its volunteer and a volunteer's negligence or wrongful act or omission, when acting as a volunteer, shall be imputed to the nonprofit organization for the purpose of apportioning liability for damages to a third party pursuant to K.S.A. 60-258a, and amendments thereto.

(e) The provisions of this act shall apply only to causes of action accruing on or after July 1, 1987.

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