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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, any member of any  
9 organized rescue squad or volunteer nonprofit fire  
10 department who enters a burning or endangered  
11 building, house, or structure and makes efforts to  
12 preserve and protect property therein is not liable  
13 for any civil damages resulting from rendering the  
14 assistance except for wanton misconduct.

15 This bill would further expand the  
16 protection from civil liability to include  
17 instances when a member responds to a 911 call or  
18 other emergency call to render medical assistance  
19 or other emergency medical service.

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21 A BILL  
22 TO BE ENTITLED  
23 AN ACT  
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25 To amend Section 6-5-335, Code of Alabama 1975,  
26 relating to civil liability of volunteer fire departments and  
27 rescue squads; to expand the protection from civil liability

1 for any member of a rescue squad or volunteer nonprofit fire  
2 department responding to an emergency call for medical  
3 assistance.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. Section 6-5-335, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "§6-5-335.

8 "When any member of any organized rescue squad or  
9 volunteer nonprofit fire department, gratuitously and in good  
10 faith, responds to a 911 or other emergency call to render  
11 medical assistance or other emergency medical service or  
12 enters any building, house, or structure which is burning or  
13 endangered by fire and makes efforts to preserve and protect  
14 ~~said the~~ property and any other property contained therein or  
15 located on the premises thereof, ~~such the~~ members shall not be  
16 liable for any civil damages for such entering or as result of  
17 any acts or omissions in rendering ~~such the~~ efforts; nor shall  
18 ~~such the~~ members be liable for any civil damages in rendering  
19 such efforts for their acts or omissions causing injuries to  
20 fellow volunteers or to owners of ~~said the~~ property; provided,  
21 however, that this section shall not apply to civil damages  
22 for wanton misconduct."

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
24 first day of the third month following its passage and  
25 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.