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BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

1. Definition

In this Act, "**volunteer first responder**" means

(a) a volunteer firefighter acting under the direction of a fire service as defined by the *Fire Safety Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. F-11.1;

(b) a volunteer member of a ground search and rescue team acting under the direction of a police service as defined by the *Police Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-11.1; or

(c) a member of a prescribed class of persons.

2. Application

(1) This Act applies to a person who voluntarily and without expectation of compensation or reward provides a service or assistance described in section 3 or 4, whether or not

(a) that person has special training to render that service or assistance; and

(b) the service or assistance is rendered by that person together or in conjunction with others.

Clarification – compensation or reward

(2) For greater certainty, a volunteer first responder is not, for the purposes of this Act, in receipt of compensation or reward for the purposes of subsection (1) by reason only of receiving a payment that

(a) is not made as a result of an employment relationship; and

(b) is in recognition of services performed by that person as a volunteer first responder or for performing services customarily rendered by a volunteer first responder.

Reimbursement not compensation, etc.

(3) Reasonable reimbursement that a person receives for expenses that the person reasonably incurs in providing a service or assistance described in section 3 or 4 shall not be construed as compensation or reward for the purposes of subsection (1).

3. Emergency first aid or assistance to person

A person described in subsection 2(1) who provides emergency first aid services or assistance to a person who is ill, injured or unconscious as a result of an accident or other emergency is not liable for damages that result from the person's actions or failure to act while providing the services or assistance, unless it is established that the damages were caused by the gross negligence of the person.

4. Assistance respecting endangered property

A person described in subsection 2(1) who provides a service or assistance to protect the real or personal property of another person that is endangered as a result of an accident or other emergency is not liable for damages that result from the person's actions or failure to act while providing the service or assistance, unless it is established that the damages were caused by the gross negligence of the person.

5. Limitation of actions

No proceeding shall be commenced against a person described in subsection 2(1) in respect of damages described in sections 3 and 4 unless the proceeding is based upon the person's alleged gross negligence.

6. Regulations

The Lieutenant Governor may make regulations

(a) prescribing classes of persons for the purposes of clause 1(c);

(b) defining any word or expression used but not defined in this Act; and

(c) respecting any other matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act.

7. Repeal

The *Volunteers Liability Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. V-5, is repealed.

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