

SENATE BILL NO. _____ HOUSE BILL NO. _____

1 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-225.02, relating to health
2 care provider liability protection.

3 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

4 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 8.01-225.02 as follows:**

5 § 8.01-225.02. Immunity for hospitals rendering aid during disasters.

6 A. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, any hospital that responds to a man-
7 made or natural disaster by delivering health care to persons injured as a result of such disaster shall be
8 immune from civil liability for any injury or wrongful death sustained by a person by reason of such
9 health care when a state or local emergency has been or is subsequently declared.

10 B. For the purposes of this section:

11 "Hospital" means those institutions defined as such in § 8.01-581.1;

12 "Man-made disaster" means the circumstances described in § 44-146.16; and

13 "Natural disaster" means the circumstances described in § 44-146.16.

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