

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1656**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Kim**

January 13, 2016

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An act to add Section 1714.24 to the Civil Code, relating to civil liability.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1656, as introduced, Kim. Civil liability: use of tourniquets.

Existing law exempts from civil liability any person who, in good faith and not for compensation, renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) at the scene of an emergency, except in the case of personal injury or wrongful death that results from the gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the person who renders emergency care or treatment. Existing law makes a similar exemption from civil liability for a person who has completed a basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation course that complies with specified standards and who, in good faith and not for compensation, renders emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the scene of an emergency.

This bill would exempt from civil liability any person who, in good faith and not for compensation, renders emergency care or treatment by the use of tourniquets at the scene of an emergency.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1714.24 is added to the Civil Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 1714.24. (a) For purposes of this section, “tourniquet” means
- 4 a device for bleeding control for the injured.
- 5 (b) Any person who, in good faith and not for compensation,
- 6 renders emergency care or treatment by the use of tourniquets at
- 7 the scene of an emergency is not liable for any civil damages
- 8 resulting from any acts or omissions in rendering the emergency
- 9 care.
- 10 (c) The protections specified in this section do not apply in the
- 11 case of personal injury or wrongful death that results from the
- 12 gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the person
- 13 who renders emergency care or treatment by the use of tourniquets.