

1 S.74

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Court procedure; immunity from liability; volunteer athletic officials

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to grant

7 immunity from liability for services or assistance a person provides in

8 connection with the person's duties as a volunteer athletic coach, manager, or

9 official.

10 An act relating to immunity from liability for volunteer athletic coaches,  
11 managers, and officials

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 12 V.S.A. § 5784 is added to read:

14 § 5784. VOLUNTEER ATHLETIC OFFICIALS

15 (a) A person providing services or assistance without compensation, except  
16 for reimbursement of expenses, in connection with the person's duties as an  
17 athletic coach, manager, or official for a sports team that is organized pursuant  
18 to a nonprofit or similar charter, or which is a member team in a league  
19 organized by or affiliated with a county or municipal recreation department,  
20 shall not be held personally liable for damages to a player, participant, or

1 spectator incurred as a result of the services or assistance provided. This  
2 section shall apply to acts and omissions made during sports competitions,  
3 practices, and instruction.

4 (b) This section shall not protect a person from liability for damages  
5 resulting from reckless or intentional conduct, or the negligent operation of a  
6 motor vehicle.

7 (c) This section shall not apply to acts or omissions made by a person who  
8 has not participated in a safety training program involving injury prevention,  
9 first aid procedures, and general coaching concepts.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.