

HB 1674 -- Construction Contract Requirements

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This bill requires every party engaged in public or private construction work to bear the burden of his or her own negligent, reckless, or otherwise wrongful conduct. Contracts attempting to shift liability by means of insurance, hold harmless clauses, indemnification, or promises to pay legal defenses, to another party are against public policy and void.

Parties are allowed to insure themselves against payment of an entire judgment and pay only the amount they are responsible for under comparative fault in cases involving joint and several liability under Section 537.067, RSMo, or general common law. A party may cause another party to be named as an additional insured for certain negligent acts.