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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1440

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 67, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the good Samaritan emergency shelter act.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 67, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 67.5160, to read as follows:

**67.5160. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Good Samaritan Emergency Shelter Act".**

**2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

**(1) "Extreme event", a natural disaster, state of emergency declared by the governor, subfreezing temperatures, or other crisis, which may include, but not be limited to, explosion, fire, or shooting. An extreme event shall be deemed to last for as long as the condition causing the extreme event exists plus the twenty-four hours after either the condition ends or a local official declares the condition resolved, whichever occurs first;**

**(2) "Person", an individual or entity, including a place of worship.**

**3. A person may, in good faith, provide shelter in the person's private residence, place of business, or place of worship without compensation to persons directly affected by an extreme event for the duration of the extreme event, and such person shall not be liable for:**

**(1) Any license fee for providing shelter;**

**(2) Violating any law, regulation, or ordinance in providing shelter;**

**(3) Any civil damages for acts or omissions other than damages occasioned by gross negligence or by willful or wanton acts or omissions by such person in providing shelter.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18           **4. A person may, in good faith, provide food to persons directly affected by an**  
19 **extreme event without compensation for the duration of the extreme event, and such**  
20 **person shall not be liable for:**

21           **(1) Any license fee for providing food;**

22           **(2) Violating any law, regulation, or ordinance in providing food; or**

23           **(3) Any civil damages for acts or omissions other than damages occasioned by gross**  
24 **negligence or by willful or wanton acts or omissions by such person in providing food.**

25           **5. After the extreme event has ended, a person may continue to offer shelter or food**  
26 **but shall be subject to all relevant laws, regulations, license fees, and ordinances.**

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