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GOOD SAMARITAN LAW EXTENDED TO EMPLOYERS

House Bill 1184 passes in Senate Judiciary Committee

DENVER—Today, House Bill 1184 passed unanimously in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill, sponsored by **Senator Jim Isgar (D-Hesperus)**, will extend the Good Samaritan protection to employers when their employees are providing emergency assistance.

“Companies are currently at risk if their employees provide emergency assistance,” Senator Isgar said. “Employers need to be exempted from civil liabilities.”

Under HB 1184, employers would not be held liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions made by an employee while rendering emergency care or services. This act would only apply when the employee is protected under the current Good Samaritan law, and it would only protect those actions taken in good faith.

There have been several instances across the country where employers have been sued or threatened with a lawsuit when their employees have provided emergency assistance. This threat of lawsuit has led to an increase in the cost of insurance for employers.

“We don’t want employees being forbidden to help others,” Senator Isgar said.

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