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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES BISHOP, BRUNS AND WILDBERGER (Co-sponsors).

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 537, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to torts and action for damages.

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

Section A. Chapter 537, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 537.135, to read as follows:

**537.135. 1. For the purposes of this section, "emergency personnel" means a
2 firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical personnel.**

**3 2. In addition to any other right of action or recovery otherwise available pursuant
4 to law, any emergency personnel who suffers any injury, disease, or death while in the
5 lawful discharge of his or her official duties, caused directly by another's act or omission,
6 may seek recovery and damages from such other person.**

**7 3. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the acts or omissions of such
8 emergency personnel's employer or co-employees, as provided for under Missouri workers'
9 compensation law, nor shall this section in any other way alter or amend Missouri workers'
10 compensation law.**