

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 753

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MAYHEW.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To amend chapter 537, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to disclosures of allegations of sexual misconduct.

*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 known as section 537.042, to read as follows:

- 537.042. 1. No charitable organization, or an employee or a volunteer acting on behalf of the charitable organization, acting in good faith shall be held civilly liable for disclosing a communication reasonably believed to be true regarding an individual made directly to another charitable organization, or employee or volunteer acting on behalf of the charitable organization, to the extent the communication concerns an allegation that the individual has:**
- (1) Engaged in sexual misconduct;**
  - (2) Sexually abused another individual;**
  - (3) Sexually harassed another individual; or**
  - (4) Committed any sexual offense under chapter 566 or 573.**
- 2. A person who reports the person's own sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or offense under chapter 566 or 573 or who acts in bad faith or with malicious purpose in making a disclosure under subsection 1 of this section shall not be immune from civil or criminal liability.**

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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.