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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR  
ACTIONS - CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Lynch, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 03, 2015

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 10-6 of the General Laws entitled "Contribution Among Joint  
2 Tortfeasors" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **10-6-2.1. Liability for additional bodily harm; right of contribution for additional**  
4 **bodily harm. -- (a) If a negligent or intentionally tortious actor is liable for another's bodily**  
5 **injury, he/she is also subject to liability for any additional bodily harm resulting from normal**  
6 **efforts of third persons in rendering aid which the other's injury reasonably requires, irrespective**  
7 **of whether such efforts are done in a proper or negligent manner.**

8           **(b) A tortfeasor who has discharged the common liability of himself/herself and third**  
9 **persons rendering aid shall have a right of contribution from those third persons to the extent the**  
10 **latter's negligence caused additional bodily harm.**

11           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that an original tortfeasor is liable for a victim's enhanced injury  
2 from negligent third-party treatment, subject to a right of contribution against a subsequent third  
3 person for the amount of the negligently enhanced injury.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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