1	EMERGENCY HEALTH RESPONSE
2	AMENDMENTS
3	2003 GENERAL SESSION
4	STATE OF UTAH
5	Sponsor: Marda Dillree
6	This act amends professional licensing provisions, the powers and duties of local health
7	departments, and provisions related to immunity from liability for governmental entities
8	and certain professionals. The act establishes exceptions to certain licensing standards
9	when a national, state, or local emergency is declared. The act amends certain
10	prescription drug dispensing rules when emergencies are declared. The act authorizes
11	local departments of health to investigate suspected bioterrorism and diseases and to
12	provide public health assistance in a declared emergency. The act provides limited
13	immunity from civil damages for governmental entities and certain health professionals
14	responding to a declared emergency. This act has an immediate effective date.
15	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
16	AMENDS:
17	26A-1-114, as last amended by Chapter 249, Laws of Utah 2002
18	58-1-307, as last amended by Chapter 63, Laws of Utah 2001
19	58-13-2, as last amended by Chapter 160, Laws of Utah 2000
20	58-17a-620, as enacted by Chapter 247, Laws of Utah 1996
21	63-30-3, as last amended by Chapters 15 and 248, Laws of Utah 1991
22	78-11-22, as last amended by Chapter 211, Laws of Utah 1987
23	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
24	Section 1. Section <b>26A-1-114</b> is amended to read:
25	26A-1-114. Powers and duties of departments.
26	(1) A local health department may:
27	(a) subject to the provisions in Section 26A-1-108, enforce state laws, local ordinances,



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department rules, and local health department standards and regulations relating to public
health and sanitation, including the plumbing code adopted by the Division of Occupational

30 and Professional Licensing under Section 58-56-4 and under Title 26, Chapter 15a, Food

Safety Manager Certification Act, in all incorporated and unincorporated areas served by the
 local health department;

(b) establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine, and exercise physical
 control over property and over individuals as the local health department finds necessary for
 the protection of the public health;

36 (c) establish and maintain medical, environmental, occupational, and other laboratory
 37 services considered necessary or proper for the protection of the public health;

38 (d) establish and operate reasonable health programs or measures not in conflict with39 state law that:

40 (i) are necessary or desirable for the promotion or protection of the public health and41 the control of disease; or

42 (ii) may be necessary to ameliorate the major risk factors associated with the major
43 causes of injury, sickness, death, and disability in the state;

44 (e) close theaters, schools, and other public places and prohibit gatherings of people45 when necessary to protect the public health;

46 (f) abate nuisances or eliminate sources of filth and infectious and communicable
47 diseases affecting the public health and bill the owner or other person in charge of the premises
48 upon which this nuisance occurs for the cost of abatement;

(g) make necessary sanitary and health investigations and inspections on its own
initiative or in cooperation with the Department of Health or Environmental Quality, or both,
as to any matters affecting the public health;

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(h) pursuant to county ordinance or interlocal agreement:

(i) establish and collect appropriate fees for the performance of services and operation
of authorized or required programs and duties;

(ii) accept, use, and administer all federal, state, or private donations or grants of funds,
property, services, or materials for public health purposes; and

(iii) make agreements not in conflict with state law that are conditional to receiving adonation or grant;

59	(i) prepare, publish, and disseminate information necessary to inform and advise the
60	public concerning:
61	(i) the health and wellness of the population, specific hazards, and risk factors that may
62	adversely affect the health and wellness of the population; and
63	(ii) specific activities individuals and institutions can engage in to promote and protect
64	the health and wellness of the population;
65	(j) investigate the causes of morbidity and mortality;
66	(k) issue notices and orders necessary to carry out this part;
67	(l) conduct studies to identify injury problems, establish injury control systems,
68	develop standards for the correction and prevention of future occurrences, and provide public
69	information and instruction to special high risk groups;
70	(m) cooperate with boards created under Section 19-1-106 to enforce laws and rules
71	within the jurisdiction of the boards; [and]
72	(n) cooperate with the state health department, the Department of Corrections, the
73	Administrative Office of the Courts, the Division of Youth Corrections, and the Crime Victims
74	Reparations Board to conduct testing for HIV infection of convicted sexual offenders and any
75	victims of a sexual offense[-]:
76	(o) investigate suspected bioterrorism and disease pursuant to Section 26-23b-108; and
77	(p) provide public health assistance in response to a national, state, or local emergency,
78	a public health emergency as defined in Section 26-23b-102, or a declaration by the President
79	of the United States or other federal official requesting public health-related activities.
80	(2) The local health department shall:
81	(a) establish programs or measures to promote and protect the health and general
82	wellness of the people within the boundaries of the local health department;
83	(b) investigate infectious and other diseases of public health importance and implement
84	measures to control the causes of epidemic and communicable diseases and other conditions
85	significantly affecting the public health which may include involuntary testing of convicted
86	sexual offenders for the HIV infection pursuant to Section 76-5-502 and voluntary testing of
87	victims of sexual offenses for HIV infection pursuant to Section 76-5-503;
88	(c) cooperate with the department in matters pertaining to the public health and in the
89	administration of state health laws; and

- 90 (d) coordinate implementation of environmental programs to maximize efficient use of 91 resources by developing with the Department of Environmental Quality a Comprehensive 92 Environmental Service Delivery Plan that:
- 93 (i) recognizes that the Department of Environmental Quality and local health 94 departments are the foundation for providing environmental health programs in the state;
- 95 (ii) delineates the responsibilities of the department and each local health department 96 for the efficient delivery of environmental programs using federal, state, and local authorities, 97 responsibilities, and resources;
- 98 (iii) provides for the delegation of authority and pass through of funding to local health 99 departments for environmental programs, to the extent allowed by applicable law, identified in 100 the plan, and requested by the local health department; and
- 101 (iv) is reviewed and updated annually.
- 102 (3) The local health department has the following duties regarding public and private 103 schools within its boundaries:
- 104 (a) enforce all ordinances, standards, and regulations pertaining to the public health of 105 persons attending public and private schools;
- 106 (b) exclude from school attendance any person, including teachers, who is suffering 107 from any communicable or infectious disease, whether acute or chronic, if the person is likely 108 to convey the disease to those in attendance; and
- 109 (c) (i) make regular inspections of the health-related condition of all school buildings 110 and premises;
- 111 (ii) report the inspections on forms furnished by the department to those responsible for 112 the condition and provide instructions for correction of any conditions that impair or endanger 113 the health or life of those attending the schools; and
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- (iii) provide a copy of the report to the department at the time the report is made.
- 115 (4) If those responsible for the health-related condition of the school buildings and 116 premises do not carry out any instructions for corrections provided in a report in Subsection 117 (3)(c), the local health board shall cause the conditions to be corrected at the expense of the 118 persons responsible.
- 119 (5) The local health department may exercise incidental authority as necessary to carry 120 out the provisions and purposes of this part.

121 Section 2. Section **58-1-307** is amended to read:

122 **58-1-307.** Exemptions from licensure.

(1) Except as otherwise provided by statute or rule, the following persons may engage
in the practice of their occupation or profession, subject to the stated circumstances and
limitations, without being licensed under this title:

(a) a person serving in the armed forces of the United States, the United States Public
Health Service, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or other federal agencies
while engaged in activities regulated under this chapter as a part of employment with that
federal agency if the person holds a valid license to practice a regulated occupation or
profession issued by any other state or jurisdiction recognized by the division;

(b) a student engaged in activities constituting the practice of a regulated occupation or
profession while in training in a recognized school approved by the division to the extent the
activities are supervised by qualified faculty, staff, or designee and the activities are a defined
part of the training program;

(c) an individual engaged in an internship, residency, preceptorship, postceptorship,
fellowship, apprenticeship, or on-the-job training program approved by the division while
under the supervision of qualified persons;

(d) an individual residing in another state and licensed to practice a regulated
occupation or profession in that state, who is called in for a consultation by an individual
licensed in this state, and the services provided are limited to that consultation;

(e) an individual who is invited by a recognized school, association, society, or other
body approved by the division to conduct a lecture, clinic, or demonstration of the practice of a
regulated occupation or profession if the individual does not establish a place of business or
regularly engage in the practice of the regulated occupation or profession in this state;

(f) an individual licensed under the laws of this state, other than under this title, to
practice or engage in an occupation or profession, while engaged in the lawful, professional,
and competent practice of that occupation or profession;

(g) an individual licensed in a health care profession in another state who performs that
profession while attending to the immediate needs of a patient for a reasonable period during
which the patient is being transported from outside of this state, into this state, or through this
state;

152	(h) an individual licensed in another state or country who is in this state temporarily to
153	attend to the needs of an athletic team or group, except that the practitioner may only attend to
154	the needs of the athletic team or group, including all individuals who travel with the team or
155	group in any capacity except as a spectator;
156	(i) an individual licensed and in good standing in another state, who is in this state:
157	(i) temporarily, under the invitation and control of a sponsoring entity;
158	(ii) for a reason associated with a special purpose event, based upon needs that may
159	exceed the ability of this state to address through its licensees, as determined by the division;
160	and
161	(iii) for a limited period of time not to exceed the duration of that event, together with
162	any necessary preparatory and conclusionary periods. The requirements of Section
163	63A-10-105 do not apply to exemptions authorized by the division pursuant to this Subsection
164	(1)(i);
165	(j) an individual who:
166	(i) is certified as an athletic trainer by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board
167	of Certification or another entity approved by the division;
168	(ii) is employed or officially associated with an educational institution, a professional
169	sports organization, or a bona fide amateur sports organization; and
170	(iii) only provides athletic training services:
171	(A) to athletes of the educational institution or sports organization to which the
172	individual is employed or officially associated;
173	(B) at an official athletic training, practice, or competition site; and
174	(C) that are within the scope of the individual's certification; and
175	(k) a law enforcement officer, as defined under Section 53-13-103, who:
176	(i) is operating a voice stress analyzer in the course of the officer's full-time
177	employment with a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency;
178	(ii) has completed the manufacturer's training course and is certified by the
179	manufacturer to operate that voice stress analyzer; and
180	(iii) is operating the voice stress analyzer in accordance with Section 58-64-601,
181	regarding deception detection instruments.
182	(2) A practitioner temporarily in this state who is exempted from licensure under

Subsection (1) shall comply with each requirement of the licensing jurisdiction from which the practitioner derives authority to practice. Violation of any limitation imposed by this section constitutes grounds for removal of exempt status, denial of license, or other disciplinary proceedings.

(3) An individual who is licensed under a specific chapter of this title to practice or
engage in an occupation or profession may engage in the lawful, professional, and competent
practice of that occupation or profession without additional licensure under other chapters of
this title, except as otherwise provided by this title.

(4) Upon the declaration of a national, state, or local emergency, <u>a public health</u>
 <u>emergency as defined in Section 26-23b-102</u>, or a declaration by the President of the United
 <u>States or other federal official requesting public health-related activities</u>, the division in
 collaboration with the board may:

(a) suspend the requirements for permanent or temporary licensure of persons who are
licensed in another state. Persons exempt under this Subsection (4)(a) shall be exempt from
licensure for the duration of the emergency while engaged in the scope of practice for which
they are licensed in the other state[-];

(b) modify, under the circumstances described in Subsections (4) and (5), the scope of
 practice restrictions under this title for persons who are licensed under this title as:
 (i) a physician under Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Chapter 68, Utah

202 Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;

203 (ii) a nurse under Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, or Chapter 31c, Nurse Licensure
 204 Compact;

205 (iii) a certified nurse midwife under Chapter 44a, Nurse Midwife Practice Act;

206 (iv) a pharmacist, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy intern under Chapter 17a,

207 Pharmacy Practice Act;

208 (v) a respiratory therapist under Chapter 57, Respiratory Care Practices Act; and

209 (vi) a dentist and dental hygienist under Chapter 69, Dentist and Dental Hygienist

210 <u>Practice Act;</u>

211 (c) suspend the requirements for licensure under this title and modify the scope of

212 practice in the circumstances described in Subsections (4) and (5) for medical services

213 personnel or paramedics h <u>REQUIRED TO BE</u> h <u>certified under</u> h <u>SECTION 26-8a-302</u> h h [<del>Title 26,</del>

213a <u>Chapter 8a, Utah Emergency Medical</u>] ĥ

214	ĥ [Services System Act]ĥ ; and
215	(d) suspend requirements in Subsections 58-17a-620(3) through (6) which require
216	certain prescriptive procedures.
217	(5) Persons exempt under $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$ [Subsections (4)(a) and] SUBSECTION (4) $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$ (c) and persons
217a	operating under
218	modified scope of practice provisions under Subsection (4)(b):
219	(a) shall be exempt from licensure or subject to modified scope of practice for the
220	duration of the emergency;
221	(b) must be engaged in the distribution of medicines or medical devises in response to
222	the emergency or declaration; and
223	(c) must be employed by or volunteering for a local or state department of health.
224	Section 3. Section <b>58-13-2</b> is amended to read:
225	58-13-2. Emergency care rendered by licensee.
226	(1) A person licensed under Title 58, Occupations and Professions, to practice as any
227	of the following health care professionals, who is under no legal duty to respond, and who in
228	good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency gratuitously and in good faith,
229	is not liable for any civil damages as a result of any acts or omissions by the person in
230	rendering the emergency care:
231	[ <del>(1)</del> ] <u>(a)</u> osteopathic physician;
232	[ <del>(2)</del> ] (b) physician and surgeon;
233	[ <del>(3) naturopath;</del> ]
234	(c) naturopathic physician;
235	[ <del>(4)</del> ] <u>(d)</u> dentist or dental hygienist;
236	[ <del>(5)</del> ] <u>(e)</u> chiropractic physician;
237	[ <del>(6)</del> ] <u>(f)</u> physician assistant;
238	$\left[\frac{(7)}{(g)}\right]$ optometrist; $\left[\frac{1}{(g)}\right]$
239	[ <del>(8)</del> ] (h) nurse licensed under Section 58-31b-301[ <del>.</del> ] or 58-31c-102;
240	(i) podiatrist:
241	(j) certified nurse <b>ĥ</b> [midwives] MIDWIFE ĥ ;
242	(k) respiratory <b>h</b> [therapists] THERAPIST <b>h</b> ; or
243	(1) pharmacist, pharmacy $\hat{h}$ [technicians] TECHNICIAN $\hat{h}$ , and pharmacy $\hat{h}$ [interns]
243a	<u>INTERN</u> ĥ <u>.</u>
244	(2) (a) This Subsection (2) applies to health care professionals:

245	(i) described in Subsection (1);
246	(ii) who are under no legal duty to respond to the circumstances described in
247	Subsection (2)(b);
248	(iii) who are acting within the scope of the health care professional's license, or within
249	the scope of practice as modified under Subsection 58-1-307(4); and
250	(iv) who are acting in good faith without compensation or remuneration as defined in
251	Subsection 58-13-3(2).
252	(b) A health care professional described in Subsection (2)(a) is not liable for any civil
253	damages as a result of any acts or omissions by the health care professional in rendering care as
254	<u>a result of:</u>
255	(i) implementation of measures to control the causes of epidemic and communicable
256	diseases and other conditions significantly affecting the public health or necessary to protect
257	the public health as set out in Title 26A, Chapter 1, Local Health Departments;
258	(ii) investigating and controlling suspected bioterrorism and disease as set out in Title
259	26, Chapter 23b, Detection of Public Health Emergencies Act; and
260	(iii) responding to a national, state, or local emergency, a public health emergency as
261	defined in Section 26-23b-102, or a declaration by the President of the United States or other
262	federal official requesting public health-related activities.
262a	Ş (3) THE IMMUNITY IN SUBSECTION (2) IS IN ADDITION TO ANY IMMUNITY OR PROTECTION IN
262b	STATE OR FEDERAL LAW THAT MAY APPLY. ş
263	Section 4. Section <b>58-17a-620</b> is amended to read:
264	58-17a-620. Prescriptions issued within the public health system.
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265	<ul><li>58-17a-620. Prescriptions issued within the public health system.</li><li>(1) As used in this section:</li></ul>
265 266	<ul><li>58-17a-620. Prescriptions issued within the public health system.</li><li>(1) As used in this section:</li><li>(a) "Department of Health" means the state Department of Health created in Section</li></ul>
265 266 267	<ul> <li>58-17a-620. Prescriptions issued within the public health system.</li> <li>(1) As used in this section:</li> <li>(a) "Department of Health" means the state Department of Health created in Section 26-1-4.</li> </ul>
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276	[(a)] (i) sexually transmitted disease treatment;
277	[ <del>(b)</del> ] <u>(ii)</u> fluoride treatment; [ <del>or</del> ]
277a	ĥ <u>(iii) TUBERCULOSIS OR LATENT TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT;</u> ĥ
278	[ <del>(c)</del> ] <b>ĥ</b> [(iii)] (iv) ĥ travel immunization ĥ OR MEDICATION ĥ [-]; or
279	ĥ [(iv)] (v) ĥ immunization; or
280	(b) responses to bioterrorism, epidemic or pandemic disease, or a public health
281	emergency as defined in Section 26-23b-102, a national, state, or local emergency, or a
282	declaration by the President of the United States or other federal official requesting public
283	health-related activities.
284	(3) The following prescription, distribution, dispensing, compounding, and
285	administering procedure shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of Subsection
286	(4) and may be used only in the clinics listed under Subsection (2)(a) or in response to
287	emergencies or declarations under Subsection (2)(b):
288	(a) a physician writes and signs a prescription for prescription drugs, other than
289	controlled substances, without the name and address of the patient and without the date the
290	prescription is provided to the patient; [and]
291	(b) the physician authorizes a [registered nurse] person licensed under Chapter 31b,
292	Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 70, Physician Assistant Act, or Chapter 31c, Nurse Licensure
293	Compact, employed by the health department to complete the prescription written under
294	Subsection $(3)(a)$ by inserting the patient's name and address, and the date the prescription is
295	provided to the patient, in accordance with the physician's standing written orders and a written
296	health department protocol approved by the physician and the medical director of the state
297	Department of Health[-]; and
298	(c) a person licensed under Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 70, Physician
299	Assistant Act, or Chapter 31c, Nurse Licensure Compact, employed by a health department
300	personally administers the drugs or medicines other than controlled substances pursuant to a
301	prescription issued in compliance with this section in order to supply the immediate needs of
302	the patient.
303	(4) When allowing prescriptions to be written, or prescription drugs other than
304	controlled substances to be distributed, dispensed, compounded, or administered, under
305	Subsection (3), the health department shall employ a physician who:
306	(a) assumes specific responsibility for all prescriptions issued in his name under the

307 procedure in Subsection (3) by the health department; and (b) enters into a written signed agreement with the health department, which agreement 308 309 is approved by the division and states: 310 (i) the terms and conditions under which the physician will prepare and sign 311 prescriptions that do not include the name and address of the patient and the date the 312 prescription is provided to the patient; 313 (ii) the methods which will be used to ensure the signed prescriptions are secure and 314 not available for unauthorized use; 315 (iii) the minimum qualifications and training of a [registered nurse] a person described 316 in Subsection (3)(b) authorized by the physician and department to complete and provide 317 prescriptions to a patient; 318 (iv) under what conditions prescriptions completed by an authorized [registered nurse] 319 person will be provided to a patient in accordance with standing orders and written protocols, 320 and the specific prescription drugs for which prescriptions may be written; 321 (v) the manner in which the physician will audit and review the records of patients 322 receiving prescriptions; and (vi) the manner in which records of prescriptions issued will be maintained for audit by 323 324 the physician and division. 325 (5) The health department shall file and maintain with the division a current copy of all 326 agreements signed by physicians under Subsection (4). 327 (6) (a) All prescription forms to be used by a physician and health department in 328 accordance with this section shall be serially numbered according to a numbering system 329 assigned to that health department by the division. 330 (b) All prescriptions issued shall contain all information required under this chapter 331 and rules adopted under this chapter. 332 Section 5. Section 63-30-3 is amended to read: 333 63-30-3. Immunity of governmental entities from suit. 334 (1) Except as may be otherwise provided in this chapter, all governmental entities are 335 immune from suit for any injury which results from the exercise of a governmental function, 336 governmentally-owned hospital, nursing home, or other governmental health care facility, and 337 from an approved medical, nursing, or other professional health care clinical training program

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338 conducted in either public or private facilities. 339 (2) Subsections (2)(a) through (c) are unique or essential core governmental functions 340 and, notwithstanding the waiver of immunity provisions of Section 63-30-10, governmental 341 entities, political subdivisions, and their officers and employees are immune from suit for any 342 injury or damage resulting from the implementation of or the failure to: 343 (a) implement measures to control the causes of epidemic and communicable diseases 344 and other conditions significantly affecting the public health or necessary to protect the public 345 health as set out in Title 26A, Chapter 1, Local Health Departments; 346 (b) investigate and control suspected bioterrorism and disease as set out in Title 26, 347 Chapter 23b, Detection of Public Health Emergencies Act; and 348 (c) respond to a national, state, or local emergency, a public health emergency as 349 defined in Section 26-23b-102, or a declaration by the President of the United States or other 350 federal official requesting public health-related activities. 351  $\left[\frac{(2)}{(3)}\right]$  (a) For the purposes of this chapter only, the following state medical programs 352 and services performed at a state-owned university hospital are unique or essential to the core 353 of governmental activity in this state and are considered to be governmental functions: 354 (i) care of a patient referred by another hospital or physician because of the high risk 355 nature of the patient's medical condition: 356 (ii) high risk care or procedures available in Utah only at a state-owned university 357 hospital or provided in Utah only by physicians employed at a state-owned university acting in 358 the scope of their employment; 359 (iii) care of patients who cannot receive appropriate medical care or treatment at 360 another medical facility in Utah; and 361 (iv) any other service or procedure performed at a state-owned university hospital or by 362 physicians employed at a state-owned university acting in the scope of their employment that a 363 court finds is unique or essential to the core of governmental activity in this state. 364 (b) If any claim under this Subsection (3) exceeds the limits established in Section 365 63-30-34, the claimant may submit the excess claim to the Board of Examiners and the 366 Legislature under Title 63, Chapter 6. 367  $\left[\frac{3}{3}\right]$  (4) The management of flood waters and other natural disasters and the 368 construction, repair, and operation of flood and storm systems by governmental entities are

369 considered to be governmental functions, and governmental entities and their officers and370 employees are immune from suit for any injury or damage resulting from those activities.

[(4)] (5) Officers and employees of a Children's Justice Center are immune from suit
 for any injury which results from their joint intergovernmental functions at a center created in
 Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Child and Family Services.

374 Section 6. Section **78-11-22** is amended to read:

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### 78-11-22. Good Samaritan Act.

376 (1) A person who renders emergency care at or near the scene of, or during an 377 emergency, gratuitously and in good faith, is not liable for any civil damages or penalties as a 378 result of any act or omission by the person rendering the emergency care, unless the person is 379 grossly negligent or caused the emergency. As used in this section, "emergency" means an 380 unexpected occurrence involving injury, threat of injury, or illness to a person or the public, 381 including motor vehicle accidents, disasters, actual or threatened discharges, removal, or 382 disposal of hazardous materials, and other accidents or events of a similar nature. "Emergency 383 care" includes actual assistance or advice offered to avoid, mitigate, or attempt to mitigate the 384 effects of an emergency.

385 (2) A person who gratuitously, and in good faith, assists governmental agencies or
 386 political subdivisions in the activities described in Subsections (2)(a) through (c) is not liable

- 387 for any civil damages or penalties as a result of any act or omission unless the person rendering
- 388 <u>assistance is grossly negligent:</u>
- 389 (a) implementation of measures to control the causes of epidemic and communicable
   390 diseases and other conditions significantly affecting the public health, or necessary to protect
- 391 the public health as set out in Title 26A, Chapter 1, Local Health Departments;
- 392 (b) investigating and controlling suspected bioterrorism and disease as set out in Title
  393 26, Chapter 23b, Detection of Public Health Emergencies Act; and
- 394 (c) responding to a national, state, or local emergency, a public health emergency as
   395 defined in Section 26-23b-102, or a declaration by the President of the United States or other

395 defined in Section 20-230-102, of a declaration by the President of the Onited States
 396 federal official requesting public health-related activities.

# 396a **Ş (3) THE IMMUNITY IN SUBSECTION (2) IS IN ADDITION TO ANY IMMUNITY OR PROTECTION IN**

## 396b STATE OR FEDERAL LAW THAT MAY APPLY. §

397 Section 7. Effective date.

398 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this act takes effect

399 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah

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- 400 <u>Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,</u>
- 401 <u>the date of veto override.</u>

## Legislative Review Note as of 1-30-03 9:19 AM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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#### **State Impact**

Any fiscal impact associated with this bill can be handled within existing budgetary levels.

#### **Individual and Business Impact**

There may be individual benefit to the extent that certain health care professionals reduce their liability for civil damanges.

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