

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 27-23.6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to immunity for fire and*  
3 *emergency medical services.*

4 [H 948]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 27-23.6 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 27-23.6. Provision of fire-fighting and emergency medical services.

9 A. Any county, city or town may contract with or provide for any volunteer fire-fighting or  
10 emergency medical services companies or associations in the county, city or town for the fighting of fire  
11 or provision of emergency medical services in any county, city or town. If such provisions are made by  
12 the county, city or town, the fire-fighting or emergency medical services company shall be deemed to be  
13 an instrumentality of the county, city or town and as such exempt from suit for damages done incident  
14 to fighting fires or providing emergency medical services therein. The county, city or town may elect to  
15 provide for the matters authorized in §§ 27-4 and 27-39.

16 B. Any county, city or town may provide fire-fighting and emergency medical services to its citizens  
17 by using both government-employed and volunteer company or association firefighters and emergency  
18 medical services personnel. If such a system is utilized, the volunteer fire-fighting and emergency  
19 medical services companies and associations shall be deemed an instrumentality of the county, city or  
20 town, and as such exempt from suit for damages done incident to providing fire-fighting and emergency  
21 medical services to the county, city or town. The county, city or town may also elect to provide for  
22 matters authorized in §§ 27-4 and 27-39.

23 *"Providing fire-fighting or emergency medical services" includes travel while performing fire, rescue*  
24 *or other emergency operations in fire-fighting apparatus or other emergency vehicles as described in*  
25 *§§ 46.2-1023 and 46.2-920, respectively.*

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