

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

A N A C T

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

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Lombardi, Conley, Nesselbush, and Archambault

Date Introduced: March 02, 2017

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.**

5 (a) If a negligent or intentionally tortious actor is liable for another's bodily injury, the  
6 tortious actor is also subject to liability for any additional bodily harm resulting from normal  
7 efforts of third persons in rendering aid which the other's injury reasonably requires, irrespective  
8 of whether such efforts are done in a proper or negligent manner.

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

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

EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF

A N A C T

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

\*\*\*

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.

=====  
LC001306  
=====