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Synopsis of House Committee Amendments

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S.B. 56 of the 134th General Assembly

House Civil Justice

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The Committee made the following changes:

- Modified the definition of “emergency call” as used in the Political Subdivision Tort Liability Law.
- Required the reduction of compensatory damages recoverable against a political subdivision for an employee’s negligent operation of a motor vehicle by continuing law’s allocation of damages.
- Granted a municipal corporation in which a hospital is located or, if the hospital is located in an unincorporated area of a county, a county immunity from civil or criminal liability in an action if all of the following apply:
 - The action arises out of the actions of a duly appointed hospital police officer.
 - The actions of that police officer are directly in the discharge of duties as such officer.
 - The actions of the hospital police officer occur on the premises of the hospital that are within the municipal corporation or the unincorporated area of the county or elsewhere within that municipal corporation or unincorporated area of that county.

Provided that the grant of immunity is not to be construed as granting immunity to specified police officers or hospitals under certain circumstances for actions occurring on the premises of a hospital operated by a public hospital agency or nonprofit hospital agency.

Specified that a court’s finding of tort liability of a public hospital agency or nonprofit hospital agency for actions of the appropriate agency’s police officer is not subject to apportionment of liability with the municipal corporation or the county in which a written agreement is in effect.