2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 948

March 11, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives Vos, Hahn, Jeskewitz, Montgomery, Musser, Nerison and A. Ott, cosponsored by Senators Schultz and Roessler. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

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1 An Act *to create* 895.484 of the statutes; **relating to:** immunity for actions of
2 volunteers acting on behalf of a religious association or charitable organization.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides immunity from civil liability to charities and religious associations for any injury or death that results from the act or omission of a person who provides services without compensation to that charity or religious association. The immunity applies when the volunteer is acting on behalf of the charity or religious association.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 Section 1. 895.484 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **895.484 Civil liability exemption, volunteers of religious associations**

5 **or charitable organizations.** (1) In this section:

6 (a) "Charitable organization" means an organization the contributions to

7 which are deductible by corporations in computing net income under s. 71.26 (2).

1   (b) "Religious association" means any church, synagogue, or mosque or any

2   religious society organized under ch. 187.

3   (c) "Volunteer" means an individual, other than an employee of a charitable

4   organization or religious association, who provides services to or on behalf of the

5   charitable organization or religious association without compensation.

6   **(2)** A charitable organization or religious association is immune from civil

7   liability for any injury or death resulting from the act or omission of a volunteer while

8   acting on behalf of the charitable organization or religious association.

9   **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

10   (1) This act first applies to acts or omissions occurring on the effective date of

11   this subsection.

12   **(END)**