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VOLUNTARY AID IN EMERGENCY ACT 1973

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- update citations and references (Pt 4, Div 2)
- update references (Pt 4, Div 3)
- use standard punctuation consistent with current drafting practice (s 27)
- reorder definitions consistent with current drafting practice (s 30)
- relocate marginal or cite notes (s 34)
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- omit provisions that are no longer required (s 39)
- omit the enacting words (s 42A).

See Endnotes for information about—

- **when provisions commenced**
- **provisions that have not commenced and are not incorporated in the reprint**
- **editorial changes made in the reprint, including—**
 - **Table of changed citations and remade laws**
 - **Table of obsolete and redundant provisions.**

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An Act to provide for the exemption from liability at law of certain persons who render voluntary aid to injured persons in circumstances of emergency

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Voluntary Aid in Emergency Act 1973*.

Interpretation

2. In this Act—

“injured person” includes a person suffering or apparently suffering from an illness.

“medical practitioner” means a person registered as a medical practitioner under the *Medical Act 1939* or a corresponding law of another State or of a Territory.

“nurse” means a person registered as a nurse under the *Nursing Act 1992* or a corresponding law of another State or a Territory.

Protection of medical practitioners and nurses

3. Liability at law shall not attach to a medical practitioner or nurse in respect of an act done or omitted in the course of rendering medical care, aid or assistance to an injured person in circumstances of emergency—

- (a) at or near the scene of the incident or other occurrence constituting the emergency;
- (b) while the injured person is being transported from the scene of the incident or other occurrence constituting the emergency to a

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hospital or other place at which adequate medical care is available;

if—

- (c) the act is done or omitted in good faith and without gross negligence; and
- (d) the services are performed without fee or reward or expectation of fee or reward.

Power of Governor in Council

4.(1) The Governor in Council may from time to time by order in council prescribe a class of persons for the purposes of this section.

(2) While an order in council made pursuant to subsection (1) continues to apply, section 3 shall be read and construed as if a reference to a medical practitioner or nurse included a reference to a person who is a member of a class prescribed for the purposes of this section.

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2 Date to which amendments incorporated

This is the reprint date mentioned in the Reprints Act 1992, section 5(c). However, no amendments have commenced operation on or before that day. Future amendments of the Voluntary Aid in Emergency Act 1973 may be made in accordance with this reprint under the Reprints Act 1992, section 49.

3 List of legislation**Voluntary Aid in Emergency Act 1973 No. 56**

date of assent 25 October 1973

commenced on date of assent

4 Table of changed citations and remade laws

TABLE OF CHANGED CITATIONS AND REMADE LAWS
under the Reprints Act 1992 ss 21A and 22

Old	New	Reference provision
Nurses Act 1964	Nursing Act 1992	—

5 Table of obsolete and redundant provisionsTABLE OF OBSOLETE AND REDUNDANT PROVISIONS
under the Reprints Act 1992 s 39

Omitted provision	Provision making omitted provision obsolete/redundant
definitions to be read in context	Acts Interpretation Act 1954 s 32A
references to a State	Acts Interpretation Act 1954 s 36 def "State"
references to a Territory	Acts Interpretation Act 1954 s 36 def "Territory"