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AN ACT to repeal 441.06 (5); to amend 448.03 (2) (i) and (4); and to create 895.48 of the statutes, relating to a general "good Samaritan" law.

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

SECTION 1. 441.06 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. 448.03 (2) (i) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

448.03 (2) (i) Any person furnishing medical assistance or first aid at the scene of an emergency as defined in sub. (4).

(4) (title) DEFINITION. No person licensed or certified under this chapter, who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency, is liable for any civil damages as a result of acts or omissions by such person in rendering the emergency care. For the purpose of In this subsection section, "the scene of an emergency" means areas not within the confines of a hospital or other institution which has hospital facilities or the office of a person licensed or certified under this chapter.

SECTION 3. 895.48 of the statutes is created to read:

895.48 Civil liability exemption: emergency care. Any person who renders emergency care at the scene of any emergency or accident in good faith shall be immune from civil liability for his or her acts or omissions in rendering such emergency care. This immunity does not extend when employes trained in health care or health care professionals render emergency care for compensation and within the scope of their usual and customary employment or practice at a hospital or other institution equipped with hospital facilities, at the scene of any emergency or accident,

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enroute to a hospital or other institution equipped with hospital facilities or at a physician's office.