

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2541

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ARTHUR.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 537, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to public safety officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 537, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 537.870, to read as follows:

3 **537.870. 1. In addition to any other right of action or recovery otherwise available**
4 **under the law, if any public safety officer is injured in the course of his or her official**
5 **duties, the public safety officer shall have a cause of action for damages against the person**
6 **or entity whose ordinary negligence created the emergency. This cause of action shall not**
7 **exist against such officer's employer or against a political subdivision. The provisions of**
8 **this section shall abrogate the common law doctrine commonly known as the "fireman's**
9 **rule".**

10 **2. For purposes of this section, "public safety officer" includes, but is not limited**
11 **to, police officers, firefighters, ambulance personnel, emergency dispatchers, and**
12 **corrections officers.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.