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Overview

This bill provides immunity from civil liability for persons involved in the Minnesota National Guard's Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Provides definitions for the term "services" and "program."

Subd. 2. Civil immunity. Establishes civil immunity, as follows:

- (a) A person who provides services to an active or reserve service member or to an immediate family member of the service member before, during, or after mobilization or deployment is not liable for damages caused as a result of the provision of services; and
- (b) A recipient of services is not liable for damages incurred by the person in the course of providing services to the recipient.

Liability would still exist if the damage results from willful and wanton or reckless acts or omissions by either the person providing services or the recipient of the services.

Subd. 3. Exception. The liability exemption provided by the bill would not apply to an individual providing services in the course of regular employment for which the individual receives compensation.

Effective date. The immunity would apply to damages that are incurred on or after the day following final enactment.