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ABOLISH "FIRE FIGHTER'S RULE"

**House Bill 4785
Sponsor: Rep. Kirk Profit
Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4785 AS INTRODUCED 5-6-95

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act abolish the common law doctrine known as the "fire fighter's rule." The fire fighter's rule prevents police officers and fire fighters from recovering damages for injuries arising out of the normal, inherent, and foreseeable risks of their work. (Currently, when a police officer or fire fighter is injured in the course of his or her work, even though this injury may arise from the negligent or even intentional behavior of another person, the injured officer may not recover any damages from the party who caused the injury. Presumably, the bill would allow an injured fire fighter or police officer to bring a lawsuit for damages against the person or persons whose actions lead to the officer or fire fighter's injury.)

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