

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 SB3070

Introduced 2/19/2016, by Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Public Duty Rule Codification Act. Contains legislative findings and a statement of legislative purpose. Provides that a local governmental entity and its employees owe no duty of care to individual members of the general public to provide governmental services.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Public Duty Rule Codification Act.
- 6 Section 5. Findings; purpose.
- 7 (a) The General Assembly finds:
- 8 (1) On January 22, 2016, the Illinois Supreme Court, in 9 Coleman v. East Joliet Fire Protection District, 2016 IL 10 117952, abolished the public duty rule.
- 11 (2) The public duty rule is an important doctrine that
 12 is grounded in the principle that the duty of a local
 13 governmental entity to preserve the well-being of the
 14 community is owed to the public at large rather than to
- specific members of the community.
- 16 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to codify the public duty
 17 rule.
- Section 10. Public duty rule. A local governmental entity and its employees owe no duty of care to individual members of the general public to provide governmental services.