

April 17, 2007

**H 1571. UNIFORM APPORTIONMENT OF TORT RESPONSIBILITY.** Filed 4/17/07. *TO ENACT THE UNIFORM APPORTIONMENT OF TORT RESPONSIBILITY ACT.*

Enacts new Chapter 1F of the General Statutes as the Uniform Apportionment of Tort Responsibility Act. Provides that in actions seeking damages for personal injury or harm to property based on negligence, any contributory fault that may be charged to a claimant diminishes the amount the claimant would otherwise be entitled to recover as compensatory damages by the percentage of responsibility assigned to the claimant. Provides a mechanism for determining percentages of responsibility, the amount of the several share for which each liable party is responsible, and reallocation of uncollectable shares. Provides for rights of contribution from jointly liable parties. Provides that a release discharges the person from liability to the claimant to the extent provided in the agreement and from liability for contribution to any other person liable to the claimant. Provides that if an employer or workers' compensation lien is asserted, the employer or insurer is deemed to have its obligation paid as if the employer or insurer had received a release. Makes other conforming amendments. Effective January 1, 2008, and applies to actions originally filed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Blust.**

GS 1A, 1B, 1F, 28A, 99B, 143

May 22, 2007

**H 1571. LRC STUDY CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE (NEW).** Filed 4/17/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Replaces original bill with *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DOCTRINE OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE AND JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY*. As title indicates. Requires an interim report to the 2008 session of the 2007 General Assembly and a final report to the 2009 General Assembly.