



CHAPTER 66

ARTICLE 48 - LIMITED BUSINESS IMMUNITY

N.C.G.S. § 66-470.

Essential businesses; emergency response entities; liability limitation.

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§ 66-470(a)

Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to G.S. 66-471, the following entities shall have immunity from civil liability:

- (1) An essential business that provides goods or services in this State with respect to claims from any customer or employee for any injuries or death alleged to have been caused as a result of the customer or employee contracting COVID-19 while doing business with or while employed by the essential business.
- (2) An emergency response entity with respect to claims from any customer, user, or consumer for any injuries or death alleged to have been caused as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic or while doing business with the emergency response entity.

§ 66-470(b)

The immunity from civil liability provided in this section shall not apply if the injuries or death were caused by an act or omission of the essential business or emergency response entity constituting gross negligence, reckless misconduct, or intentional infliction of harm. This section does not preclude an employee of an essential business or emergency response entity from seeking an appropriate remedy under Chapter 97 of the General Statutes for any injuries or death alleged to have been caused as a result of the employee contracting COVID-19 while employed by the essential business or emergency response entity. (2020-3, s. 4.14(a).)

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1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

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G.S. 66-471	(a)	"provision of law and subject to"

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