

CHAPTER 1028

STATE TORT CLAIMS — VOLUNTEER DISASTER ASSISTANCE BY ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

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AN ACT designating registered architects and licensed professional engineers employees of the state for specified purposes under the Iowa tort claims Act.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 669.2, subsection 4, Code 2014, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. c. “*Employee of the state*” also includes an architect registered pursuant to chapter 544A or a professional engineer licensed pursuant to chapter 542B who voluntarily and without compensation provides initial structural or building systems inspection services for the purposes of determining human occupancy at the scene of a disaster as defined in section 29C.2, subsection 4. To be considered an employee of the state, the architect or engineer shall be acting at the request and under the direction of the commissioner of public safety and in coordination with the local emergency management commission. For purposes of this paragraph, “*compensation*” does not include reimbursement for expenses.

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