BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, certain organizations, such as the Woodlands Community Service Corporation, perform similar or identical community service functions as certain municipal facilities within the state of Texas, yet those organizations do not receive the same immunity from tort claims as the municipal facilities do. H.B. 2367 modifies the definition of "charitable organizations" under the Charitable Immunity and Liability Act of 1987 to include fire protection or prevention, emergency medical or hazardous material response services, and certain homeowners associations that are exempt from federal income tax.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 84.003(1), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to redefine "charitable organization."

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

Makes application of this Act prospective.