

Malpractice immunity bill may be doomed

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Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld broke a tie to give Sen. John Schwarz a 19-18 victory with his bill to give hospital emergency care professionals some immunity from lawsuits.

But Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, warned the victory could be short-lived.

"It will die in the House," predicted Dillingham, the Senate's No. 2 Republican.

"This should be referred back to the Judiciary Committee. It's the intent of that committee to work on an entire (tort reform) package through

the summer. This bill should be worked on as part of a package.

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Dillingham's motion to send the bill to committee failed on a 16-19 vote.

ON FINAL passage, Schwarz's Senate Bill 268 drew an 18-18 tie that Republican Binsfeld broke.

Voting yes were area Republicans Mat Dunaskas of Lake Orion and

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Robert Geake of Northville.

Voting no were Democrats Jack

Faxon of Farmington Hills and George Z. Hart of Dearborn along

with Republicans David Honigman of West Bloomfield and Dillingham. William Frost, D-Westland, had an excused absence, and one seat is vacant.

The Senate's only medical doctor, Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, drafted the bill to give immunity to doctors, nurses, technicians and other emergency care personnel from lawsuits except for gross negligence.

Schwarz wants to cover cases where there has been no previous doctor-patient relationship. He and hospital officials said lawsuits are driving doctors from the state.

OPPONENTS SAID Schwarz's bill went too far.

"It allows suits only for gross negligence and wanton misconduct," said Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing. "For practical purposes, that's immunity." Her "middle ground" amendment allowing a court to look at specific circumstances failed 16 to 19.

Schwarz accepted a narrowing amendment by Sen. Michael O'Brien, D-Detroit, to remove therapists and X-ray technicians and to confine the scope of immunity to the emergency room.

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