AN ACT in relation to fire equipment.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The State Fire Marshal Act is amended by adding Section 2.5 as follows:

(20 ILCS 2905/2.5 new)

Sec. 2.5. Equipment exchange program. The Office may create an equipment exchange program under which fire departments, fire protection districts, and township fire departments can donate equipment to each other.

A fire department, fire protection district, or township fire department that donates fire protection equipment to another fire department, fire protection district, or township fire department under this Section is not liable for any damage or injury caused by the donated fire protection equipment, except for damage or injury caused by the donor's willful and wanton misconduct, if the donor discloses in writing to the recipient at the time of the donation any known damage to or deficiencies in the equipment.

This Section does not relieve any fire department, fire protection district, or township fire department from liability, unless otherwise provided by law, for any damage or injury caused by donated fire protection equipment that was received through the equipment exchange program.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.