



Ohio Revised Code

Section 2747.01

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Goods or services" does not include the creation, dissemination, exhibition, or advertisement, or a similar promotion, of a dramatic, literary, musical, political, journalistic, or artistic work.

(2) "Governmental unit" means the government of the United States, the state, a political subdivision of the state, or any department, agency, board, commission, or other instrumentality of the government of the United States, the state, or a political subdivision.

(3) "Person" includes an individual, estate, trust, partnership, business or nonprofit entity, governmental unit, or other legal entity.

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, this chapter applies to a cause of action asserted in a civil action against a person based on any of the following:

(1) The person's communication in a legislative, executive, judicial, administrative, or other governmental proceeding;

(2) The person's communication on an issue under consideration or review in a legislative, executive, judicial, administrative, or other governmental proceeding;

(3) The person's exercise of the right of freedom of speech and of the press, the right to assemble and petition, and the right of association, guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the Ohio Constitution, on a matter of public concern.

(C) This chapter does not apply to any of the following:

(1) A legal action against a governmental unit or an employee or agent of the governmental unit who



was acting or purporting to act in an official capacity;

(2) An enforcement action that is brought in the name of a governmental unit to protect against an imminent threat to public health or safety;

(3) A legal action brought against a person primarily engaged in the business of selling or leasing goods or services, if the cause of action arises out of communication related to the person's sale or lease of the goods or services;

(4) A survivorship claim or a legal action seeking recovery for bodily injury or wrongful death, or statements made regarding that claim or legal action.

(D) Nothing in this chapter is intended to create any new statutory cause of action.

(E) The general assembly, in enacting this chapter, intends to confer substantive immunity from suit, and not merely immunity from liability, for any cause of action described in division (B) of this section.