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Overview

This chapter provides that certain provisions related to liability are against public policy and therefore void and unenforceable. A provision in a construction contract which requires a party to provide insurance coverage to one or more other parties for the negligence or intentional acts or omissions of those parties is void. This chapter does not alter a party's ability to secure a number of forms of insurance coverage, including workers' compensation coverage, construction bonds, project-specific insurance, or builder's risk policies. This provision also does not apply to building contracts where the work occurs within fifty feet of a public or private railroad, or those railroads regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Effective date. This chapter is effective for all agreements entered into on or after August 1, 2013.