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Mariani v. Utah Department of Public Safety-Driver License Division

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Motorist brought negligence action against Utah Department of Public Safety-Driver License Division (DLD) for injuries sustained when her scooter crashed during skills test for motorcycle endorsement on her driver's license.

DLD moved for summary judgment. The Third District Court granted motion based on licensing exception to waiver of immunity in Governmental Immunity Act (GIA), and motorist appealed. The Court of Appeals affirmed. Certiorari was granted.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Phrase "denial of a license or similar authorization" does not encompass entire licensing process or all licensing activities, and
- Motorist's injury did not arise out of or in connection with or result from licensing denial.