STUDENT NOTE

PARENTAL LIABILITY STATUTE

At common law parental relationship is not, of itself, a basis for holding a parent liable for his child's tortious acts.1 Unless some other relationship2 can be established or the parent's own negligence3 is found to be the proximate cause of the injury, the child bears sole responsibility for his tortious acts. Dissatisfaction with this common law rule, which often leaves the injured party with a worthless action against an insolvent minor, has been manifested by the court's circumvention of the rule through dubiously founded agency relationships4 and through strained applications of the "foreseeability" rule5 in order to find that some negligent act on the parent's part is the proximate cause of the injury.