AN ACT

RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS--LIABILITY LIMITATIONS

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, and Archambault

Date Introduced: March 02, 2017

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 32-6-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 32-6 entitled "Public Use of Private Lands--Liability Limitations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

32-6-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Charge" means the admission price or fee asked in return for invitation or permission to enter or go upon the land;

(2) "Land" means land, roads, water, watercourses, private ways and buildings, structures, and machinery or equipment when attached to the realty;

(3) "Owner" means the private-owner possessor of a fee interest, or tenant, lessee, occupant, or person in control of the premises, including the state and municipalities;

(4) "Recreational purposes" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following, or any combination thereof: hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, pleasure driving, nature study, water skiing, water sports, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites, and all other recreational purposes contemplated by this chapter; and

(5) "User" means any person using land for recreational purposes.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would change the definition of "owner" to exclude the state and municipalities
2 for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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