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

Introduced By: Representatives Craven, McEntee, and Cortvriend
Date Introduced: March 23, 2022
Referred To: House 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 3. 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 for
2 the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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