

SB0057



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/27/2011, by Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Ski Slope Safety Act. Provides that every ski area operator shall ensure that skiers and snowboarders are not permitted to enter ski areas without protective helmets and requires all skiers and snowboarders to wear protective helmets while in a ski area. Sets forth penalties for violations of the Act. Provides that the Director of Public Health shall adopt reasonable rules to enforce compliance with the Act. Makes other changes.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Ski
5 Slope Safety Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

8 "Director" means the Director of Public Health.

9 "Ski area" means all ski slopes, ski trails, and passenger
10 tramways administered as a single enterprise within this State.

11 "Ski area operator" means a person, firm, or corporation,
12 and its agents and employees, having operational and
13 administrative responsibility for any ski area, including any
14 agency of the State, any political subdivision thereof, and any
15 other governmental agency or instrumentality.

16 "Ski slopes and trails" mean those areas designated by the
17 ski area operator for skiing.

18 "Skier" means any person wearing a ski or skis in a ski
19 area for the purpose of skiing.

20 "Snowboarder" means any person on a snowboard in a ski area
21 for the purpose of snowboarding.

22 Section 10. Protective helmet wear in ski areas.

1 (a) Every ski area operator shall:

2 (i) ensure that skiers and snowboarders are not
3 permitted to enter the ski area without a protective
4 helmet;

5 (ii) make available to the public, for sale or lease,
6 protective helmets;

7 (iii) post in a location likely to be seen by all
8 skiers and snowboarders signs of such size and color as
9 will enable skiers and snowboarders to have knowledge of
10 their responsibilities under this Act;

11 (iv) make available at reasonable fees instruction and
12 education for skiers and snowboarders relative to the risks
13 inherent to skiing and snowboarding and the duties
14 prescribed under this Act and conspicuously post notice of
15 the times and places of availability of such instruction
16 and education in locations likely to be seen by all skiers
17 and snowboarders; and

18 (v) make available at reasonable fees educational
19 literature regarding injury prevention.

20 (b) All skiers and snowboarders shall wear a protective
21 helmet while in a ski area.

22 Section 15. Penalties.

23 (a) If the director finds that a ski area operator has
24 knowingly violated the provisions of this Act, then the
25 director shall impose a fine of \$100 for the first such

1 violation and \$200 for a second or subsequent violation.

2 (b) The Director shall adopt reasonable rules to enforce
3 compliance with this Act.