

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB0211

Introduced 1/19/2007, by Rep. Jim Sacia

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

745 ILCS 65/2

from Ch. 70, par. 32

Amends the Recreational Use of Land and Water Areas Act. Limits the liability of landowners to persons engaging in fishing, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, camping, bird watching, or prairie seed collecting under specified circumstances. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 5. The Recreational Use of Land and Water Areas Act
- is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:
- 6 (745 ILCS 65/2) (from Ch. 70, par. 32)
- Sec. 2. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 9 (a) "Land" includes roads, water, watercourses, private
- 10 ways and buildings, structures, and machinery or equipment when
- 11 attached to the realty, but does not include residential
- 12 buildings or residential property.
- (b) "Owner" includes the possessor of any interest in land,
- 14 whether it be a tenant, lessee, occupant, the State of Illinois
- and its political subdivisions, or person in control of the
- 16 premises.
- 17 (c) "Recreational or conservation purpose" means entry
- onto the land of another to  $\underline{\text{engage in}}$   $\underline{\text{conduct}}$  hunting  $\underline{\underline{\text{r}}}$
- 19 recreational shooting, camping, fishing, canoeing, kayaking,
- 20 <u>hiking, bird watching, prairie seed collecting,</u> or a
- 21  $\frac{\text{combination thereof or}}{\text{thereof or}}$  any activity solely related to  $\frac{\text{these}}{\text{these}}$
- 22 <u>activities</u>, or a combination of one or more of these activities
- 23 the aforesaid hunting or recreational shooting.

- 1 (d) "Charge" means an admission fee for permission to go
- 2 upon the land, but does not include: the sharing of game, fish,
- 3 <u>seeds</u>, or other products of recreational use; or benefits to or
- 4 arising from the recreational use; or contributions in kind,
- 5 services or cash made for the purpose of properly conserving
- 6 the land.
- 7 (e) "Person" includes any person, regardless of age,
- 8 maturity, or experience, who enters upon or uses land for
- 9 recreational purposes.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 94-625, eff. 8-18-05.)
- 11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 12 becoming law.