
SENATE BILL No. 468

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 34-30-27.

Synopsis: Immunity for bowling centers. Grants civil immunity to the operator of a bowling center for injuries caused to a bowler who slips or falls in the bowling center due to the presence of a substance on the bowler's shoe that was acquired outside the bowling center and tracked in. Requires the operator to post a conspicuous notice near the entrances and exits to the bowling center. Provides that the civil immunity does not apply if the operator fails to maintain the premises in a safe condition or the injury results from gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 10, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Law.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning civil law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 34-30-27 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2013]:
- 4 **Chapter 27. Immunity for Bowling Centers**
- 5 **Sec. 1. This act applies to a cause of action that accrues after**
- 6 **June 30, 2013.**
- 7 **Sec. 2. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**
- 8 (1) "Bowler" means a person in a bowling center for the
- 9 purpose of bowling.
- 10 (2) "Bowling center" means a structure that has an area
- 11 specifically designed to be used by the public for bowling.
- 12 (3) "Bowling shoes" means shoes that are specifically
- 13 designed for the purpose of bowling.
- 14 (4) "Operator" means a person that owns, manages, controls,
- 15 directs, or has the responsibility of operating a bowling
- 16 center.
- 17 **Sec. 3. An operator shall post a conspicuous notice in a**



1 conspicuous place near each entrance to and exit from a bowling
2 center that reads as follows:

3 "Do not wear bowling shoes outside. Bowling shoes are
4 specialized footwear for indoor use only. Bowling shoes worn
5 outside may be affected by substances or materials, including
6 snow, ice, rain, moisture, food, or debris that may cause the
7 person wearing the bowling shoes to slip, trip, stumble, or fall
8 on the floor or alley surfaces inside the bowling center.
9 Indiana law makes a bowling center posting this notice
10 immune from liability for such an injury."

11 Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), an operator who
12 posts a notice as required by section 3 of this chapter is immune
13 from civil liability for an injury to a bowler that results from a slip
14 or fall inside the bowling center that was substantially caused by
15 a substance on the bowler's bowling shoes that was acquired
16 outside the bowling center before the bowler entered or reentered
17 the bowling center.

18 (b) The protection from liability under this section does not
19 apply if the injury results from an act or omission that amounts to
20 gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, or if the operator
21 fails to maintain the premises in a reasonably safe condition and
22 the condition substantially causes the injury to the bowler.

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