

## **IC 14-22-31.5**

### **Chapter 31.5. Shooting Ranges**

#### **IC 14-22-31.5-1**

##### **"Local unit of government" defined**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "local unit of government" means a county, city, town, or township.

*As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 14-22-31.5-2**

##### **"Person" defined**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "person" means an individual, an association, a business entity, or a governmental entity.

*As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 14-22-31.5-3**

##### **"Shooting range" defined**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "shooting range" means an area designed and operated for the use of archery, rifles, shotguns, pistols, muskets, or similar firearms that are fired at silhouettes, skeet, trap, paper, stillboard, or other similar targets.

*As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 14-22-31.5-4**

##### **Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.57-2002, SEC.1.)*

#### **IC 14-22-31.5-5**

##### **Local government regulation**

Sec. 5. Except as specifically prohibited by this chapter and subject to IC 35-47-11.1, a local unit of government may regulate the location, use, operation, safety, and construction of a shooting range.

*As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.152-2011, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 14-22-31.5-6**

##### **Liability relating to noise**

Sec. 6. A person who owns, operates, or uses a shooting range is not liable in any civil or criminal matter relating to noise or noise pollution that results from the normal operation or use of the shooting range if the shooting range complies with a law or an ordinance that applied to the shooting range and its operation at the time of the construction or initial operation of the shooting range, if such a law or ordinance was in existence at the time of the construction or initial operation of the shooting range.

*As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 14-22-31.5-7**

##### **Powers of ranges in existence before July 1, 1996**

Sec. 7. Notwithstanding any ordinance adopted by a local unit of

government, a shooting range that is in existence before July 1, 1996, may do the following within the geographic boundaries of the shooting range as it existed on June 30, 1996:

(1) Repair, remodel, or reinforce a building or structure that is needed to ensure public safety or to secure the continued use of the building or structure.

(2) Reconstruct, repair, restore, or resume the use of a nonconforming building that has been damaged by fire, collapse, explosion, act of nature, or war after July 1, 1996. However, the reconstruction, repair, or restoration must be completed not more than one (1) year after the date of the damage to the building or the settlement of the property damage claim. If the reconstruction, repair, or restoration is not completed within one (1) year, the local unit of government may terminate the continuation of the nonconforming use.

(3) Expand or increase the membership of the shooting range or opportunities for public participation at the shooting range.

*As added by P.L.134-1996, SEC.4.*