

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4840

Introduced 01/19/06, 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, hiking, camping, birdwatching, or prairie seed collecting under specified circumstances. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

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)

7 Sec. 2. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise
8 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, whether it be a tenant, lessee, occupant, the State of Illinois and its political subdivisions, or person in control of the premises.

(c) "Recreational or conservation purpose" means entry onto the land of another to <u>engage in</u> conduct hunting, or recreational shooting, <u>camping</u>, <u>fishing</u>, <u>hiking</u>, <u>bird</u> <u>watching</u>, <u>prairie seed collecting</u>, or a combination thereof or any activity solely related to <u>these activities</u>, <u>or a</u> <u>combination of one or more of these activities</u> the aforesaid <u>hunting or recreational shooting</u>.

(d) "Charge" means an admission fee for permission to go
upon the land, but does not include: the sharing of game, fish,
<u>seeds</u>, or other products of recreational use; or benefits to or
arising from the recreational use; or contributions in kind,
services or cash made for the purpose of properly conserving
the land.

(e) "Person" includes any person, regardless of age,
 maturity, or experience, who enters upon or uses land for
 recreational purposes.

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1 (Source: P.A. 94-625, eff. 8-18-05.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 3 becoming law.