95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4296

by Rep. William B. Black

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

745 ILCS 65/2

from Ch. 70, par. 32

Amends the Recreational Use of Land and Water Areas Act. Provides that the definition of "recreational or conservation purpose" is enlarged to include: hiking, operating an off-highway vehicle, rock climbing, trapping, horseback riding on the rider's own horse, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, water or snow skiing, sledding, snowmobiling, engaging in an activity with an educational or conservation purpose, a combination of any of those activities, or any activity solely related to any listed activity (at present, only hunting, recreational shooting, a combination of those 2 activities, or any activity solely related to hunting or shooting are included in the definition). Effective immediately.

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1 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)

Sec. 2. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwiserequires:

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 conduct <u>any of the following:</u> hunting, or recreational shooting, <u>hiking</u>, <u>operation of an</u> <u>off-highway vehicle</u>, <u>rock climbing</u>, <u>trapping</u>, <u>horseback riding</u> <u>of the entrant's own horse or horses</u>, <u>fishing</u>, <u>swimming</u>, <u>boating</u>, <u>camping</u>, <u>picnicking</u>, <u>water or snow skiing</u>, <u>sledding</u>, <u>snowmobiling</u>, <u>an activity with an educational or conservation</u> HB4296

purpose, or a combination thereof or any activity solely related to the aforesaid <u>activities</u> hunting or recreational shooting.

4 (d) "Charge" means an admission fee for permission to go 5 upon the land, but does not include: the sharing of game, fish 6 or other products of recreational use; or benefits to or 7 arising from the recreational use; or contributions in kind, 8 services or cash made for the purpose of properly conserving 9 the land.

10 (e) "Person" includes any person, regardless of age, 11 maturity, or experience, who enters upon or uses land for 12 recreational purposes.

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

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