

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

4 Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Bowling Center Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Operator" means a person or entity that owns, manages,
8 controls, directs, or has operational responsibility for a
9 bowling center.

10 "Bowler" means a person in a bowling center for the purpose
11 of recreational or competitive bowling.

12 "Bowling center" means a building, facility, or premises
13 that provides an area specifically designed to be used by the
14 public for recreational or competitive bowling.

15 "Bowling shoes" mean shoes that are specifically designed
16 for the purpose of recreational or competitive bowling.

17 Section 10. Operator notice to bowlers. An operator shall
18 post a notice in a conspicuous place near each bowling center
19 entrance and exit that reads as follows: "Bowling shoes are
20 specialized footwear and are not intended to be worn outside a
21 bowling center because the bowling shoes may be affected by
22 substances or materials such as: snow, ice, rain, moisture,

1 food, or debris. Such substances or materials on bowling shoes
2 that have been worn outside a bowling center may cause the
3 person wearing the bowling shoes to slip, trip, stumble, or
4 fall on the floor or alley surfaces in the bowling center."

5 Section 15. Civil liability. If the operator posts a notice
6 in a conspicuous place near each bowling center entrance and
7 exit in the form described in Section 10, the operator, except
8 for willful and wanton misconduct, shall not be held civilly
9 liable for injuries resulting from a slip, trip, stumble, or
10 fall inside the bowling center solely caused by some substance
11 or material on the bowler's bowling shoes that was acquired
12 outside the bowling center immediately before entering or
13 re-entering the bowling center.

14 Section 98. Applicability. This Act applies only to causes
15 of action accruing on or after January 1, 2010.