
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1891 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY MARSICO, AUMENT, BRENNAN, CREIGHTON, DENLINGER,
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READSHAW, ROEBUCK, SABATINA, SONNEY, STERN, STEVENSON,
SWANGER, TOEPEL, WATERS AND YOUNGBLOOD, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for bowling
3 center operator civil immunity.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 8339.2. Bowling center operator civil immunity.

9 (a) Civil immunity.--Upon posting of a notice as described
10 herein, and except for willful misconduct or gross negligence,
11 no operator of a commercial bowling center shall be liable to a
12 bowler for any damages for injuries sustained as a result of a
13 slip, fall, stumble or similar occurrence within a bowling
14 center, where such injuries were solely caused by a substance or
15 material on the bowler's shoes which was acquired before
16 entering or reentering a bowling center.

17 (b) Notice.--A notice shall be posted at or near each

1 entrance and exit to a bowling center so as to be observable by
2 a person entering or leaving the facility, advising them as
3 follows:

4 "Warning: Bowling shoes are specialized footwear and are not
5 intended to be worn outside a bowling center. Bowling shoes
6 may be affected by substances or materials such as snow, ice,
7 rain, moisture, food or debris. A bowling center operator is
8 not responsible and shall not be liable for any injuries
9 which were solely caused by any substance or material
10 acquired on a bowling shoe outside of the bowling center."

11 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
12 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
13 subsection:

14 "Bowler." A person in a bowling center for the purpose of
15 recreational or competitive bowling.

16 "Bowling center." Any building, facility or premises that
17 provides an area specifically designed to be used by the public
18 for recreational or competitive bowling.

19 "Bowling shoe." A shoe that is specifically designed for the
20 purpose of recreational or competitive bowling.

21 "Operator." A person or entity that owns, manages, controls,
22 directs or has operational responsibilities for a bowling
23 center.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.