

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 281

A bill to require the operators of bowling centers to give certain notices to bowlers; and to grant immunity from civil liability to operators of bowling centers.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "bowling center act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Bowler" means a person in a bowling center for the
5 purpose of recreational or competitive bowling.

6 (b) "Bowling center" means a structure that has an area
7 specifically designed to be used by the public for recreational or

1 competitive bowling.

2 (c) "Bowling shoes" means shoes that are specifically designed
3 for the purpose of recreational or competitive bowling.

4 (d) "Operator" means a person that owns, manages, controls,
5 directs, or has the responsibility of operating a bowling center.

6 Sec. 3. An operator shall post a conspicuous notice in a
7 conspicuous place near each entrance to and exit from a bowling
8 center that reads as follows:

9 "Do not wear bowling shoes outside. Bowling shoes are
10 specialized footwear for indoor use only. Bowling shoes worn
11 outside may be affected by substances or materials including but
12 not limited to snow, ice, rain, moisture, food, or debris that may
13 cause the person wearing the bowling shoes to slip, trip, stumble,
14 or fall on the floor or alley surfaces inside the bowling center.
15 Michigan law makes a bowling center posting this notice immune from
16 liability for such an injury."

17 Sec. 4. (1) If an operator posts a notice as required by
18 section 3, the operator is not civilly liable for injuries to a
19 bowler resulting from a slip, trip, stumble, or fall inside the
20 bowling center substantially caused by a substance or material on
21 the bowler's bowling shoes that was acquired outside the bowling
22 center before the bowler entered or reentered the bowling center.

23 (2) The protection from liability under this section does not
24 apply if the injury results from acts or omissions amounting to
25 willful or wanton misconduct or if the operator fails to maintain
26 the premises in a reasonably safe condition and the condition
27 substantially causes the injury to the bowler.

1 Sec. 5. This act applies only to a cause of action that
2 accrues on or after January 1, 2012.