

**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
8 competitive bowling.

9 (c) "Bowling shoes" means shoes that are specifically designed

1 for the purpose of recreational or competitive bowling.

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

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

7 "Bowling shoes are specialized footwear and are not intended
8 to be worn outside a bowling center because the bowling shoes may
9 be affected by substances or materials such as snow, ice, rain,
10 moisture, food, or debris. Such substances or materials on bowling
11 shoes that have been worn outside a bowling center may cause the
12 person wearing the bowling shoes to slip, trip, stumble, or fall on
13 the floor or alley surfaces in the bowling center.".

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

20 (2) The protection from liability under this section does not
21 apply if the liability of the operator results from willful or
22 wanton misconduct or if the operator fails to maintain the premises
23 in a reasonably safe condition and the condition substantially
24 causes the injury to the bowler.

25 Enacting section 1. This act applies only to a cause of action
26 that accrues on or after January 1, 2012.