

SENATE BILL No. 281

March 17, 2011, Introduced by Senator HUNE and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

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

3 Sec. 3. An operator shall post a notice in a conspicuous place
4 near each entrance to and exit from a bowling center that reads:
5 "Bowling shoes are specialized footwear and are not intended to be
6 worn outside a bowling center because the bowling shoes may be
7 affected by substances or materials such as snow, ice, rain,
8 moisture, food, or debris. Such substances or materials on bowling
9 shoes that have been worn outside a bowling center may cause the
10 person wearing the bowling shoes to slip, trip, stumble, or fall on
11 the floor or alley surfaces in the bowling center."

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

19 (2) The protection from liability under this section does not
20 apply if the liability of the operator results from willful or
21 wanton misconduct.

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