BOWLING CENTER ACT
Act 221 of 2011

AN ACT 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.

History: 2011, Act 221, Imd. Eff. Nov. 15, 2011.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

691.1581 Short title.

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

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691.1582 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

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

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

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

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

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691.1583 Notice; posting; contents.

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

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

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691.1584 Slip, trip, stumble, or fall caused from bowler's bowling shoes; liability.

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

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

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691.1585 Applicability of act to actions accruing on or after January 1, 2012.

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

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