



COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 224, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 1, delete lines 4 through 7.
- 2 Page 1, delete lines 11 through 15, begin a new paragraph and
- 3 insert:
 - 4 "SECTION 4. IC 14-8-2-107, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2022,
 - 5 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 - 6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 107. "Fund" has the following meaning:
 - 7 (1) For purposes of IC 14-9-5, the meaning set forth in
 - 8 IC 14-9-5-1.
 - 9 (2) For purposes of IC 14-9-8-21, the meaning set forth in
 - 10 IC 14-9-8-21.
 - 11 (3) For purposes of IC 14-9-8-21.5, the meaning set forth in
 - 12 IC 14-9-8-21.5.
 - 13 (4) For purposes of IC 14-9-9, the meaning set forth in
 - 14 IC 14-9-9-3.
 - 15 (5) For purposes of IC 14-12-1, the meaning set forth in
 - 16 IC 14-12-1-1.
 - 17 (6) For purposes of IC 14-12-2, the meaning set forth in
 - 18 IC 14-12-2-2.
 - 19 (7) For purposes of IC 14-12-3, the meaning set forth in

1 **IC 14-12-3-2.**

2 **(8) (7)** For purposes of IC 14-13-1, the meaning set forth in
3 IC 14-13-1-2.

4 **(9) (8)** For purposes of IC 14-13-2, the meaning set forth in
5 IC 14-13-2-3.

6 **(10) (9)** For purposes of IC 14-16-1, the meaning set forth in
7 IC 14-16-1-30.

8 **(11) (10)** For purposes of IC 14-19-8, the meaning set forth in
9 IC 14-19-8-1.

10 **(12) (11)** For purposes of IC 14-19-11, the meaning set forth in
11 IC 14-19-11-3.1.

12 **(13) (12)** For purposes of IC 14-20-11, the meaning set forth in
13 IC 14-20-11-2.

14 **(14) (13)** For purposes of IC 14-22-3, the meaning set forth in
15 IC 14-22-3-1.

16 **(15) (14)** For purposes of IC 14-22-4, the meaning set forth in
17 IC 14-22-4-1.

18 **(16) (15)** For purposes of IC 14-22-5, the meaning set forth in
19 IC 14-22-5-1.

20 **(17) (16)** For purposes of IC 14-22-8, the meaning set forth in
21 IC 14-22-8-1.

22 **(18) (17)** For purposes of IC 14-22-34, the meaning set forth in
23 IC 14-22-34-2.

24 **(19) (18)** For purposes of IC 14-23-3, the meaning set forth in
25 IC 14-23-3-1.

26 **(20) (19)** For purposes of IC 14-25-2-4, the meaning set forth in
27 IC 14-25-2-4.

28 **(21) (20)** For purposes of IC 14-25-10, the meaning set forth in
29 IC 14-25-10-1.

30 **(22) (21)** For purposes of IC 14-25.5, the meaning set forth in
31 IC 14-25.5-1-3.

32 **(23) (22)** For purposes of IC 14-31-2, the meaning set forth in
33 IC 14-31-2-5.

34 **(24) (23)** For purposes of IC 14-25-12, the meaning set forth in
35 IC 14-25-12-1.

36 **(25) (24)** For purposes of IC 14-32-8, the meaning set forth in
37 IC 14-32-8-1.

1 (26) (25) For purposes of IC 14-33-14, the meaning set forth in
2 IC 14-33-14-3.

3 (27) (26) For purposes of IC 14-33-21, the meaning set forth in
4 IC 14-33-21-1.

5 (28) (27) For purposes of IC 14-34-6-15, the meaning set forth in
6 IC 14-34-6-15.

7 (29) (28) For purposes of IC 14-34-14, the meaning set forth in
8 IC 14-34-14-1.

9 (30) (29) For purposes of IC 14-34-19-1.3, the meaning set forth
10 in IC 14-34-19-1.3(a).

11 (31) (30) For purposes of IC 14-34-19-1.5, the meaning set forth
12 in IC 14-34-19-1.5(a).

13 (32) (31) For purposes of IC 14-37-10, the meaning set forth in
14 IC 14-37-10-1.". Delete page 2.

15 Delete page 2.
16 Page 3, delete lines 1 through 33.

17 Page 4, delete lines 2 through 30, begin a new paragraph and insert:
18 "SECTION 12. IC 14-8-2-320 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 320. "Wildlife" has the
20 following meaning:

21 (1) For purposes of IC 14-22, except as provided in subdivision
22 (2), **means** all wild birds, **fish, crustaceans, mollusks,**
23 **amphibians, reptiles,** and **wild** mammals.

24 (2) For purposes of IC 14-22-34, the meaning set forth in
25 IC 14-22-34-6.". Delete page 5.

26 Page 5, delete lines 2 through 39.

27 Page 6, delete lines 28 through 39.

28 Page 7, delete lines 23 through 35.

29 Page 8, delete lines 6 through 42.

30 Delete pages 9 through 12.

31 Page 13, delete lines 1 through 18.

32 Page 14, delete lines 37 through 42.

33 Delete pages 15 through 16.

34 Page 17, delete lines 1 through 36.

35 Page 19, delete lines 35 through 42.

36 Delete page 20.

37 Page 21, delete lines 1 through 31.

38 Page 22, delete lines 17 through 42.

1 Delete pages 23 through 24.

2 Page 25, delete lines 1 through 19, begin a new paragraph and

3 insert:

4 "SECTION 54. IC 14-22-10-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2019,

5 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section and section 2.5 of

7 this chapter, "governmental entity" means any of the following:

8 (1) The government of the United States of America.

9 (2) The state.

10 (3) A county.

11 (4) A city.

12 (5) A town.

13 (6) A township.

14 (7) The following, if created by the Constitution of the United

15 States, the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a statute, an

16 ordinance, a rule, or an order:

17 (A) An agency.

18 (B) A board.

19 (C) A commission.

20 (D) A committee.

21 (E) A council.

22 (F) A department.

23 (G) A district.

24 (H) A public body corporate and politic.

25 (b) As used in this section and section 2.5 of this chapter, "monetary

26 consideration" means a fee or other charge for permission to go upon

27 a tract of land. The term does not include:

28 (1) the gratuitous sharing of game, fish, or other products of the

29 recreational use of the land;

30 (2) services rendered for the purpose of wildlife management; or

31 (3) contributions in kind made for the purpose of wildlife

32 management.

33 (c) As used in this section and section 2.5 of this chapter, "owner"

34 means a governmental entity or another person that:

35 (1) has a fee interest in;

36 (2) is a tenant, a lessee, or an occupant of; or

37 (3) is in control of;

38 a tract of land.

3 (1) with or without permission; and

4 (2) either:

5 (A) without the payment of monetary consideration; or
6 (B) with the payment of monetary consideration directly or
7 indirectly on the person's behalf by an agency of the state or
8 federal government;

9 for the purpose of swimming, camping, hiking, sightseeing, **exercising,**
10 **cycling,** or accessing or departing from a trail, a greenway, or another
11 similar area, or for any other purpose (other than the purposes
12 described in section 2.5 of this chapter) **does not have an assurance that**
13 **the premises are safe for the purpose. is subject to the limitations of**
14 **liability granted to the owner of the premises described in**
15 **subsection (e).**

16 (e) The owner of the premises does not

17 (1) assume responsibility; or

18 (2) incur liability;

19 for an injury to a person or property caused by an act or failure to act
20 of other persons using the premises. **assume responsibility or incur**
21 **liability for an injury or damage to a:**

22 (1) person caused by:

23 (A) an act; or

24 (B) the failure to act;

25 of another person using the premises;

26 (2) person caused by a condition on the land; or

27 (3) person's property caused by:

28 (A) the act of another person using the premises; or

30 (f) This section does not affect the following:

33 (A) Business invitees in commercial establishments.

34 (B) Invited guests.

35 (1) Business invitees in for-profit establishments.

36 (2) The attractive nuisance doctrine.

37 (g) This section does not excuse the owner or occupant of premises
38 from liability for injury to a person or property caused by a malicious

1 or an illegal act of the owner or occupant.

2 **(h) This section does not apply to a parcel of land assessed as**
3 **residential land.**

4 SECTION 55. IC 14-22-10-2.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) A person who
6 goes upon or through the premises, including caves, of another:

7 (1) with or without permission; and

8 (2) either:

9 (A) without the payment of monetary consideration; or

10 (B) with the payment of monetary consideration directly or
11 indirectly on the person's behalf by an agency of the state or
12 federal government;

13 for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping, or preparing to hunt, fish,
14 or trap, does not have an assurance that the premises are safe for that
15 purpose.

16 (b) The owner of the premises does not:

17 (1) assume responsibility; or

18 (2) incur liability;

19 for an injury to a person or property caused by an act or failure to act
20 of other persons using the premises.

21 (c) This section does not affect Indiana case law on the liability of
22 owners or possessors of premises with respect to the following:

23 (1) Business invitees in commercial establishments.

24 (2) The attractive nuisance doctrine.

25 (d) This section does not excuse the owner or occupant of premises
26 from liability for injury to a person or property caused by a malicious
27 or an illegal act of the owner or occupant.

28 (e) **This section does not apply to a parcel of land assessed as**
29 **residential land.**".

30 Page 25, delete lines 24 through 42.

31 Delete pages 26 through 28.

32 Page 29, delete lines 1 through 18.

33 Page 30, delete lines 8 through 26.

34 Page 35, delete lines 29 through 42.

35 Delete pages 36 through 41.

36 Page 42, delete lines 1 through 28.

- 1 Page 43, delete lines 9 through 42.
- 2 Delete pages 44 through 47.
- 3 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to SB 224 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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Chairperson