



# 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."
- 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."
- 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.

(d) A person who goes upon or through the premises, including caves, of another:

(1) with or without permission; and

(2) either:

(A) without the payment of monetary consideration; or

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

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

(e) The owner of the premises does not

~~(1) assume responsibility; or~~

~~(2) incur liability;~~

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

**(1) person caused by:**

**(A) an act; or**

**(B) the failure to act;**

**of another person using the premises;**

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

**(3) person's property caused by:**

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

**(B) a condition on the land.**

(f) This section does not affect the following:

~~(1) Existing Indiana case law on the liability of owners or possessors of premises with respect to the following:~~

~~(A) Business invitees in commercial establishments.~~

~~(B) Invited guests.~~

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

**(2) The attractive nuisance doctrine.**

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

or an illegal act of the owner or occupant.

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

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

(1) with or without permission; and

(2) either:

(A) without the payment of monetary consideration; or

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

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

(b) The owner of the premises does not:

(1) assume responsibility; or

(2) incur liability;

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

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

(1) Business invitees in commercial establishments.

(2) The attractive nuisance doctrine.

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

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

Page 25, delete lines 24 through 42.

Delete pages 26 through 28.

Page 29, delete lines 1 through 18.

Page 30, delete lines 8 through 26.

Page 35, delete lines 29 through 42.

Delete pages 36 through 41.

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**