

Senate Bill 614

Sponsored by Senator BONHAM (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act lets a person offering some dangerous sports make a patron sign a release of claims. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.1).

Allows an operator offering or providing facilities for an inherently dangerous sporting activity to require a patron to provide an anticipatory release from certain claims for liability, including claims arising out of the negligence of the operator and claims for unreasonable conditions created by the operator. Provides that the release is not unconscionable.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to inherently dangerous sporting activities; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Inherently dangerous sporting activity” includes but is not limited to alpine skiing**
6 **and nordic skiing.**

7 (b) **“Operator” means a person who:**

8 (A) **Offers patrons the opportunity to participate in an inherently dangerous sporting**
9 **activity; or**

10 (B) **Operates a facility in which a patron can participate in an inherently dangerous**
11 **sporting activity.**

12 (2) **Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, an operator may require partic-**
13 **ipants in an inherently dangerous sporting activity to release the operator from claims for**
14 **liability, including but not limited to claims arising out of the negligence of the operator and**
15 **claims for unreasonable conditions created by the operator that are not inherent to the ac-**
16 **tivity, before participating in the inherently dangerous sporting activity. A release described**
17 **in this subsection is not unconscionable.**

18 (3) **An operator may not require a patron to release claims for intentional acts or for**
19 **gross negligence.**

20 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act applies to releases executed before, on and after**
21 **the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

22 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
23 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
24 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.