

Requested by Senator PROZANSKI

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 1517**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 20 through 22.

2 Delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

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

4 **“(a) ‘Operator’ means a person that:**

5 **“(A) Offers a person the opportunity to participate in a sport, fit-**  
6 **ness or recreational activity; or**

7 **“(B) Operates or provides a facility or place where a person can**  
8 **participate in a sport, fitness or recreational activity.**

9 **“(b) ‘Sport, fitness or recreational activity’ means an indoor or**  
10 **outdoor activity involving elements of inherent risk, including but not**  
11 **limited to hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, rafting, biking, camp-**  
12 **ing, skiing, snowboarding, winter sports, team and individual sports,**  
13 **climbing, equestrian and rodeo activities, hiking, outfitter guiding,**  
14 **ocean and water sports, motorized recreation, athletic or fitness com-**  
15 **petitions, fitness and training activities.**

16 **“(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, an operator**  
17 **may require a participant who is 18 years of age or older, or a parent**  
18 **or guardian on behalf of a participant who is under 18 years of age,**  
19 **to release the operator from any claim for damages for injuries to the**  
20 **participant resulting from ordinary negligence and sustained while the**  
21 **participant is engaged in the sport, fitness or recreational activity, or**

1 while volunteering to maintain facilities or places used for a sport,  
2 fitness or recreational activity, if the participant or parent or guardian  
3 voluntarily signs a conspicuous written release disclosing the risks  
4 associated with the sport, fitness or recreational activity or volun-  
5 teering and waiving the operator's liability for damages for injuries  
6 resulting from those risks. A release described in this subsection is  
7 not per se unconscionable or void as contrary to public policy.

8 “(3) An operator may not require a person to release the operator  
9 from the following types of claims:

10 “(a) Claims for greater than ordinary negligence, including gross  
11 negligence, reckless conduct, willful misconduct or intentional acts.

12 “(b) Claims for negligence per se.

13 “(c) Claims relating to the maintenance or inspection of equipment  
14 or safety gear supplied by the operator and used in connection with  
15 the sport, fitness or recreational activity.

16 “(d) Claims relating to the negligent hiring, training, credentialing  
17 or supervision of employees, guides, instructors or independent con-  
18 tractors.

19 “(e) Claims relating to the operation or use of any vehicle, including  
20 but not limited to automobiles, buses, vans, snowmobiles, snow cats,  
21 all-terrain vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, side-by-sides or any other  
22 motorized conveyance, including if the vehicle is used for transporta-  
23 tion to or from the location where the sport, fitness or recreational  
24 activity takes place, unless the participant uses the vehicle as part of  
25 the sport, fitness or recreational activity or volunteering itself.

26 “(4) A release that is broader than the release described in sub-  
27 sections (2) and (3) of this section shall be construed within the limits  
28 stated in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

29 “(5) In a claim for damages for injuries to a participant sustained  
30 while the participant is engaged in a sport, fitness or recreational ac-

1 **tivity or volunteering to maintain facilities or places used for a sport,**  
2 **fitness or recreational activity, whether a risk is inherent to the sport,**  
3 **fitness or recreational activity or volunteering is a question of law.**

4 **“(6) This section does not limit or modify the provisions of ORS**  
5 **30.970 to 30.990.**

6 **“SECTION 2. This 2026 Act being necessary for the immediate**  
7 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**  
8 **declared to exist, and this 2026 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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