

SB3334



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/4/2026, by Sen. Laura Ellman

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Immunity for Private Campgrounds Act. Provides that a private campground owner or an employee or officer of a private campground owner is not be liable for acts or omissions related to camping at a private campground if a person is injured or killed or property is damaged as a result of an inherent risk of camping with exceptions. Provides that "private campground" means any parcel or tract of land, including buildings and other structures, that is owned or operated by a private property owner where 5 or more campsites are made available for use as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use. Provides that private campground also includes recreational vehicle parks. Exempts employer-employee relationships.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Immunity for Private Campgrounds Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Camping" means all aspects of visiting, staying at,
8 using, and leaving a private campground, including lodging of
9 all types.

10 "Inherent risks of camping" means those dangers, hazards,
11 or conditions that are an integral part of camping including,
12 but not limited to, the following:

13 (1) features of the natural world, such as trees, tree
14 stumps, naturally occurring infectious agents, roots,
15 brush, rocks, mud, sand, standing and moving water, and
16 soil;

17 (2) uneven and unpredictable terrain;

18 (3) natural bodies of water and accessories permitting
19 the use of natural bodies of water, including piers,
20 docks, swimming and aquatic sports, or recreation
21 facilities or areas;

22 (4) a lack of lighting, including lighting at
23 campsites;

1 (5) campfires contained in or outside a fire pit or an
2 enclosure provided by the private campground, bonfires,
3 grass or brush fires, wildfires, and forest fires;

4 (6) weather and weather-related events;

5 (7) insects, birds, and other wildlife;

6 (8) animals of other campers or visitors that cause
7 injury, unless the private campground owner or an employee
8 or officer of the private campground owner has accepted
9 responsibility for care of the animal;

10 (9) a violation of safety rules or a disregard for
11 signs or other methods of communicating warnings;

12 (10) another camper or visitor at the private
13 campground acting in a negligent manner, if the private
14 campground owner, an employee, or officer of the private
15 campground owner is not involved in the negligence;

16 (11) actions by a camper or visitor that exceed the
17 camper's or visitor's physical limitations or abilities;

18 (12) actions by a camper or visitor involving
19 climbing, rappelling, caving, mountaineering, or any other
20 related activity;

21 (13) damage caused by fireworks from a camper,
22 visitor, or offsite entity not authorized by the private
23 campground owner, employee, or officer of a private
24 campground owner; and

25 (14) any person coming onto the campsite not reported
26 to the private campground owner, an employee, or officer

1 of the private campground owner.

2 "Private campground" means any parcel or tract of land,
3 including buildings and other structures that is owned or
4 operated by a private property owner where 5 or more campsites
5 are made available for use as temporary living quarters for
6 recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use. "Private
7 campground" includes recreational vehicle parks.

8 Section 10. Liability. A private campground owner or an
9 employee or officer of a private campground owner is not
10 liable for acts or omissions related to camping at a private
11 campground if a person is injured, killed, or the person's
12 property is damaged as a result of an inherent risk of camping
13 with these exceptions:

14 (1) Any employer-employee relationship.

15 (2) The provisions of this Act do not prevent or limit
16 liability of a private campground owner or an employee or
17 officer of a private campground owner who:

18 (A) intentionally causes the injury, death, or
19 property damage;

20 (B) acts with a willful or wanton disregard for
21 the safety of the person or property damaged. As used
22 in this subdivision, "willful and wanton" means
23 conduct committed with an intentional or reckless
24 disregard for the safety of others;

25 (C) fails to use that degree of care that an

1 ordinarily careful and prudent person would use under
2 the same or similar circumstances;

3 (D) fails to conspicuously post warning signs of a
4 dangerous, inconspicuous condition known to the owner
5 of the private campground, employees, or officers on
6 the property that the owner owns, leases, rents, or is
7 otherwise in lawful control of or in possession of if
8 the owner, employee, or officer is aware of the
9 condition by reason of a prior injury involving the
10 same location or the same mechanism of injury. The
11 warning signs must appear in black letters on a white
12 background with each letter to be a minimum of one inch
13 in height; and

14 (E) failure to include into the written contract
15 entered into by or on behalf of a private campground
16 owner, in clearly readable print, the warning notice
17 specified in this subdivision (D).