

AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the Bowling Center Act.

Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

"Operator" means a person or entity that owns, manages, controls, directs, or has operational responsibility for a bowling center.

"Bowler" means a person in a bowling center for the purpose of recreational or competitive bowling.

"Bowling center" means a building, facility, or premises that provides an area specifically designed to be used by the public for recreational or competitive bowling.

"Bowling shoes" mean shoes that are specifically designed for the purpose of recreational or competitive bowling.

Section 10. Operator notice to bowlers. An operator shall post a notice in a conspicuous place near each bowling center entrance and exit that reads as follows: "Bowling shoes are specialized footwear and are not intended to be worn outside a bowling center because the bowling shoes may be affected by substances or materials such as: snow, ice, rain, moisture,

food, or debris. Such substances or materials on bowling shoes that have been worn outside a bowling center may cause the person wearing the bowling shoes to slip, trip, stumble, or fall on the floor or alley surfaces in the bowling center."

Section 15. Civil liability. If the operator posts a notice in a conspicuous place near each bowling center entrance and exit in the form described in Section 10, the operator, except for willful and wanton misconduct, shall not be held civilly liable for injuries resulting from a slip, trip, stumble, or fall inside the bowling center solely caused by some substance or material on the bowler's bowling shoes that was acquired outside the bowling center immediately before entering or re-entering the bowling center.

Section 98. Applicability. This Act applies only to causes of action accruing on or after January 1, 2010.