

House Bill 2483

Sponsored by Representative BENTZ (at the request of Bruno Jagelski) (Presession 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**.

Extends recreational immunity to employees and agents of owner of land when acting within scope of duties.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to recreational immunity; amending ORS 105.672; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 105.672 is amended to read:

5 105.672. As used in ORS 105.672 to 105.696:

6 (1) "Charge":

7 (a) Means the admission price or fee requested or expected by an owner in return for granting
8 permission for a person to enter or go upon the owner's land.

9 (b) Does not mean any amount received from a public body in return for granting permission for
10 the public to enter or go upon the owner's land.

11 (c) Does not include the fee for a winter recreation parking permit or any other parking fee of
12 \$15 or less per day.

13 (2) "Harvest" has that meaning given in ORS 164.813.

14 (3) "Land" includes all real property, whether publicly or privately owned.

15 (4) "Owner" means:

16 (a) The possessor of any interest in any land, [*such as*] **including but not limited to** the holder
17 of [*a fee*] **any legal or equitable** title, a tenant, a lessee, an occupant, the holder of an easement,
18 the holder of a right of way or a person in possession of the land; **and**

19 **(b) An officer, employee, volunteer or agent of a person described in paragraph (a) of this**
20 **subsection, while acting within the scope of assigned duties.**

21 (5) "Recreational purposes" includes, but is not limited to, outdoor activities such as hunting,
22 fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, nature study, outdoor educational activities,
23 waterskiing, winter sports, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic or scientific sites
24 or volunteering for any public purpose project.

25 (6) "Special forest products" has that meaning given in ORS 164.813.

26 (7) "Woodcutting" means the cutting or removal of wood from land by an individual who has
27 obtained permission from the owner of the land to cut or remove wood.

28 **SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
29 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
30 **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.