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HOUSE BILL 659

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Larry A. Larranaga

AN ACT

RELATING TO WEAPONS; CREATING THE SPORT SHOOTING RANGE ACT;
SPECIFYING THE CIVIL LIABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORT SHOOTING
RANGES; PROVIDING NUISANCE REQUIREMENTS; SPECIFYING LOCAL
AUTHORITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the
"Sport Shooting Range Act".

Section 2. PURPOSE OF ACT.--The purpose of the Sport
Shooting Range Act is to protect the normal operation and use
of sport shooting ranges by establishing when a person who
owns, operates or uses a sport shooting range is liable for
civil penalties.

Section 3. DEFINITION.--As used in the Sport Shooting
Range Act, a "sport shooting range" is an area designed and

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1 operated for the use of rifles, shotguns or pistols as a means
2 of silhouette, skeet, trap, black powder or other sport
3 shooting.

4 Section 4. CIVIL LIABILITY. --A person who owns, operates
5 or uses a sport shooting range shall not be subject to civil
6 liability arising out of an act that constitutes normal
7 operation and use of the range if the range is in compliance
8 with those statutes, rules and ordinances that apply to the
9 range and its operation at the time when the initial operation
10 of the range commenced.

11 Section 5. IMMUNITY FROM NUISANCE ACTIONS. --

12 A. The use or operation of a sport shooting range
13 shall not be enjoined as a nuisance if the range is in
14 compliance with those statutes, rules and ordinances that
15 apply to the range and its operation at the time when the
16 initial operation of the range commenced. The use or
17 operation of a sport shooting range shall not be enjoined due
18 to subsequent changes in the statutes, rules or ordinances
19 pertaining to the normal operation and use of sport shooting
20 ranges.

21 B. The use or operation of a sport shooting range
22 may not be enjoined as a nuisance by a person who acquires
23 title to real property adversely affected by the normal
24 operation and use of a sport shooting range that commenced
25 operation prior to the time the person acquired title.

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6 February 23, 1999
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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

17 1. On page 3, line 7, strike "commission" and insert in
18 lieu thereof "omission".,
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20 and thence referred to the JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.
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Respectfully submitted,

James G. Taylor, Chairman

Adopted _____

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Not Adopted _____

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Sandel

Absent: None

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5 March 1, 1999
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7 Mr. Speaker:
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9 Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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11 HOUSE BILL 659, as amended
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

15 1. On page 1, line 12, strike the sentence in its
16 entirety.

17 2. On page 1, line 13, strike "RANGES;"
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19 3. On page 2, strike Section 4 in its entirety.
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Respectfully submitted,

R. David Pederson, Chairman

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Date _____

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Yes: 9

No: Stewart

Excused: Luna, Sanchez

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

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Fernando R. Macias, Chairman

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Yes: 6

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No: None

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Excused: Eisenstadt, Griego, Lyons, Sanchez

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Absent: None

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