

CHAPTER 216.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 258.]

LIABILITY OF LANDOWNER PERMITTING PUBLIC USE
FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

AN ACT relating to outdoor recreation; and limiting the liability of owners of land and water areas made available to the public for recreational purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. The purpose of this act is to encourage owners of land to make available land and water areas to the public for recreational purposes by limiting their liability toward persons entering thereon and toward persons who may be injured or otherwise damaged by the acts or omissions of persons entering thereon.

Public recreation—Liability of private landowner to public.

Sec. 2. Any landowner who allows members of the public to use his agricultural or forest land for the purposes of outdoor recreation, which term includes hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure driving, nature study, winter sports, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites, without charging a fee of any kind therefor, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to such users: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall prevent the liability of such a landowner for injuries sustained to users by reason of a known dangerous artificial latent condition for which warning signs have not been conspicuously posted: *Provided further*, That nothing in this act limits or expands in any way the doctrine of attractive nuisance.

Tort immunity—Limitation.

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