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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5846 AS INTRODUCED 5-31-90

The bill would amend the recreational land use act, Public Act 201 of 1953, which generally protects landowners and tenants from liability for injuries to someone who was enjoying recreational use (fishing, hunting, hiking, snowmobiling, etc.) of the land without charge. The protection does not apply when the injuries are caused by the gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct or the owner or tenant. The bill would include driving an all-terrain vehicle, and engaging in a sports or playground activity among the list of uses to which the act specifically applies. The bill also would specify that the liability protection would apply to privately held lands and to lands owned by the state or a local governmental entity. "Lands" in this context would include outdoor playing fields used and made available for sports activities.

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