HOUSE BILL No. 5056

September 21, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Hoffman and Bartnik and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Fisheries and Wildlife.

A bill to provide immunity to the owners of certain sport shooting ranges; and to regulate the application of state and local law, rules, regulations, and ordinances regarding sport shooting ranges.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Local unit of government" means a county, city, town-3 ship, or village.
- 4 (b) "Sport shooting range" or "range" means an area designed
- 5 and operated for the use of rifles, pistols, silhouettes, skeet,
- 6 trap, black powder, or any other similar sport shooting.
- 7 Sec. 2. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an
- 8 owner of a sport shooting range in this state is immune from
- 9 civil liability or criminal prosecution in any matter relating to
- 10 noise or noise pollution resulting from the range if the owner of

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- 1 the range is in compliance with any noise control laws or
- 2 ordinances that applied to the range and its operation at the
- 3 time construction of the range was approved by a local unit of
- 4 government.
- 5 (2) The owner of a sport shooting range is not subject to an
- 6 action for nuisance, and a court of the state shall not enjoin
- 7 the use or operation of a range on the basis of noise or noise
- 8 pollution, if the owner of the range is in compliance with any
- 9 noise control laws or ordinances that applied to the range and
- 10 its operation at the time construction of the range was approved
- 11 by a local unit of government.
- 12 (3) Rules or regulations adopted by any state department or
- 13 agency for limiting levels of noise in terms of decibel level
- 14 which may occur in the outdoor atmosphere shall not apply to a
- 15 sport shooting range exempted from liability under this act.
- 16 Sec. 3. This act does not prohibit a local unit of govern-
- 17 ment from regulating the location and operation of a sport shoot-
- 18 ing range after the effective date of this act.