

HOUSE BILL NO. 4949

September 16, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Wortz, Martin, Greene, Woolford, Wozniak and Alexander and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1989 PA 269, entitled

"An act to provide civil immunity to persons who operate or use certain sport shooting ranges; and to regulate the application of state and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances regarding sport shooting ranges,"

by amending sections 2 and 2a (MCL 691.1542 and 691.1542a), section 2 as amended and section 2a as added by 1994 PA 250.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and in
2 addition to other protections provided in this act, a person ~~who~~
3 **that** owns or operates or uses a sport shooting range that conforms

1 to generally accepted operation practices in this state is not
 2 subject to civil liability or criminal prosecution in any matter
 3 relating to noise or noise pollution resulting from the operation
 4 or use of the range if the range is in compliance with any noise
 5 control laws or ordinances that applied to the range and its
 6 operation at the time of construction or initial operation of the
 7 range. **This subsection applies even if the sport shooting range is**
 8 **updated or modified, including, but not limited to, ecological**
 9 **upgrades, safety upgrades, or range expansion, if the update or**
 10 **modification complies with generally accepted operation practices.**

11 (2) In addition to other protections provided in this act, a
 12 person ~~who~~**that** owns, operates, or uses a sport shooting range that
 13 conforms to generally accepted operation practices is not subject
 14 to an action for nuisance, and a court of the state shall not
 15 enjoin or restrain the use or operation of a range on the basis of
 16 noise or noise pollution, if the range is in compliance with any
 17 noise control laws or ordinances that applied to the range and its
 18 operation at the time of construction or initial operation of the
 19 range. **This subsection applies even if the sport shooting range is**
 20 **updated or modified, including, but not limited to, ecological**
 21 **upgrades, safety upgrades, or range expansion, if the update or**
 22 **modification complies with generally accepted operation practices.**

23 (3) Rules or regulations adopted by any state department or
 24 agency for limiting levels of noise in terms of decibel level which
 25 may occur in the outdoor atmosphere do not apply to a sport
 26 shooting range exempted from liability under this act. However,
 27 this subsection does not restrict the application of any provision
 28 of the generally accepted operation practices.

29 Sec. 2a. (1) A sport shooting range that is operated and is

1 not in violation of existing law at the time of the enactment of an
2 ordinance ~~shall be permitted to~~ **may** continue in operation even if
3 the operation of the sport shooting range at a later date does not
4 conform to the new ordinance or an amendment to an existing
5 ordinance.

6 (2) A sport shooting range that ~~is was~~ in existence ~~as of the~~
7 ~~effective date of this section on or before July 5, 1994,~~ and **that**
8 operates in compliance with generally accepted operation practices,
9 even if not in compliance with an ordinance of a local unit of
10 government, ~~shall be permitted to~~ **may** do all of the following
11 within its preexisting geographic boundaries if in compliance with
12 generally accepted operation practices:

13 (a) Repair, remodel, or reinforce any conforming or
14 nonconforming building or structure as may be necessary in the
15 interest of public safety or to secure the continued use of the
16 building or structure.

17 (b) Reconstruct, repair, restore, or resume the use of a
18 nonconforming building damaged by fire, collapse, explosion, act of
19 god, or act of war occurring after the effective date of this
20 section. The reconstruction, repair, or restoration ~~shall~~ **must** be
21 completed ~~within~~ **not later than** 1 year following the date of the
22 damage or settlement of any property damage claim. If
23 reconstruction, repair, or restoration is not completed within 1
24 year, continuation of the nonconforming use may be terminated in
25 the discretion of the local unit of government.

26 (c) Do anything authorized under generally accepted operation
27 practices, including, but not limited to:

28 (i) Expand or increase its membership or opportunities for
29 public participation.

- 1 (ii) Expand or increase events and activities.