

“Public Recreation on Private Lands”; and to add new Sections 410Q and 410R to said Article, of said Code, title, subtitle and subheading, to include horseback riding or HORSE driving, OPERATING MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES and various educational purposes, within the activities covered by the law which limits the liability of landowners; allowing owners to post their property and to grant permission to enter said property; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to distribute permission cards which limit the liability of the landowner, and generally relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 410J, 410K, 410L, 410M, 410N, 410-O and 410P of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title “Natural Resources,” subtitle “Forest and Parks, subheading “Public Recreation on Private Lands,” be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that new Sections 410Q and 410R be and they are hereby added to said Article of said Code, title, subtitle and subheading, and all to read as follows:

410J.

The purpose of this subheading is to encourage owners of land to make land and water areas available to the public for recreational *and educational* purposes by limiting their liability toward persons entering thereon for such purposes.

410K.

As used in this subheading:

(a) “Land” means land, roads, water, watercourses, private ways and buildings, structures, and machinery or equipment when attached to the realty.

(b) “Owner” means the possessor of a fee interest, a tenant, a lessee, occupant or person in control of the premises.

(c) “Recreational purpose” includes any of the following, or any combination thereof; hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure driving, nature study, water skiing, winter sports, *horseback riding or HORSE driving, OPERATING MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES,* and viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic or scientific sites.

(d) “Educational purpose” includes, but is not limited to any of the following, or any combination thereof: *nature study, farm visitations for purposes of learning about the farming operation, practice judging of livestock, dairy cattle, poultry, other animals, agronomy crops, horticultural crops, or other farm products, organized visits to farms by school children, 4-H Clubs, FFA Clubs and others as a part of their educational programs, and viewing historical, archaeological or scientific sites.*

[(d)] (e) “Charge” means the price or fee asked (1) for services, entertainment, recreation or products performed or offered for sale on the land or (2) in return for invitation or permission to enter or go upon the land.