

CHAPTER 391

(House Bill 1050)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Public Recreation on Private Land

~~FOR the purpose of amending the definition of "recreational purpose" to include the activity of cutting firewood for personal use so as to limit the liability of a landowner who allows that activity on his property under certain circumstances.~~

FOR the purpose of limiting the liability of certain landowners who invite or permit without charge, persons to cut firewood for personal use under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section ~~5-1101(f)~~ 5-1104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

~~5-1101-~~

~~(f) "Recreational purpose" includes the following or any combination of the following: 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, AND CUTTING FIREWOOD FOR PERSONAL USE.~~

5-1104.

Except as specifically recognized by or provided in § 5-1106 of this subtitle, an owner of land who either directly or indirectly invites or permits without charge persons to use the property for any recreational or educational purpose OR TO CUT FIREWOOD FOR PERSONAL USE does not by this action:

(1) Extend any assurance that the premises are safe for any purpose;