

HB 857 -- Recreational Land Use

Sponsor: Pollock

This bill changes the laws regarding recreational land use. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Encourages the development of trails within the right-of-way of existing railroad lines; and

(2) Establishes the Landowner Liability Protection Act to provide immunity to property owners that allow hunting and fishing on their property without charge. No duty of care toward hunters and fishers or assurance of safe premises is imposed on a landowner, and hunters and fishers will assume responsibility for their own acts and omissions. Landowners will be liable for intentional, unlawful, willful, or wanton acts that cause injury.