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3 4 5 6	(By Delegates Folk, Kump. Manypenny, Howell, Williams, Faircloth, Ireland, Gearheart, Householder, Shott and Lynch)
7	[Introduced January 17, 2014; referred to the
8	Committee on the Judiciary.]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$19-25-5$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to adding aircraft operations or
12	private airstrips and farms to the definition of recreational
13	purpose.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
15	That §19-25-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
16	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
17	ARTICLE 25. LIMITING LIABILITY OF LANDOWNERS.
18	§19-25-5. Definitions.
19	Unless the context used clearly requires a different meaning,
20	as used in this article:
21	(1) "Charge" means:
22	(A) For purposes of limiting liability for recreational or
23	wildlife propagation purposes set forth in section two of this
24	article, the amount of money asked in return for an invitation to
25	enter or go upon the land, including a one-time fee for a

- 1 particular event, amusement, occurrence, adventure, incident,
- 2 experience or occasion which may not exceed \$50 a year per
- 3 recreational participant: Provided, That the monetary cap on
- 4 charges imposed pursuant to this article does not apply to the
- 5 provisions of article fourteen, chapter twenty of this code
- 6 pertaining to the Hatfield-McCoy regional recreational authority or
- 7 activities sponsored on the Hatfield-McCoy recreation area;
- 8 (B) For purposes of limiting liability for military,
- 9 law-enforcement or homeland-defense training set forth in section
- 10 six of this article, the amount of money asked in return for an
- 11 invitation to enter or go upon the land;
- 12 (2) "Land" includes, but shall not be is not limited to,
- 13 roads, water, watercourses, private ways and buildings, structures
- 14 and machinery or equipment thereon when attached to the realty;
- 15 (3) "Noncommercial recreational activity" shall does not
- 16 include any activity for which there is any charge which exceeds
- 17 \$50 per year per participant;
- 18 (4) "Owner" includes, but shall not be <u>is not</u> limited to,
- 19 tenant, lessee, occupant or person in control of the premises;
- 20 (5) "Recreational purposes" includes, but shall not be is not
- 21 limited to, any one or any combination of the following
- 22 noncommercial recreational activities: hunting, fishing, swimming,
- 23 boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure driving, motorcycle
- 24 or all-terrain vehicle riding, bicycling, horseback riding,

- 1 spelunking, nature study, water skiing, winter sports and visiting,
- 2 viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic or
- 3 scientific sites, aircraft or ultralight operations on private
- 4 <u>airstrips or farms</u> or otherwise using land for purposes of the
- 5 user;
- (6) "Wildlife propagation purposes" applies to and includes 7 all sediment structures, permanent ponds, control 8 impoundments or any other similar or like structure created or 9 constructed as a result of or in connection with surface mining 10 activities as governed by article three, chapter twenty-two of this 11 code or from the use of surface in the conduct of underground coal 12 mining as governed by said that article and any rules promulgated 13 thereunder because of the article, which ponds, structures or 14 impoundments are hereafter designated and certified in writing by 15 the Director of the Division of Environmental Protection and the 16 owner to be necessary and vital to the growth and propagation of 17 wildlife, animals, birds and fish or other forms of aquatic life 18 and finds and determines that the premises have the potential of 19 being actually used by the wildlife for those purposes and that the 20 premises are no longer used or necessary for mining reclamation 21 purposes. The certification shall be in form satisfactory to the 22 director and shall provide that the designated ponds, structures or 23 impoundments shall may not be removed without the joint consent of 24 the director and the owner; and

(7) "Military, law-enforcement or homeland-defense training"

includes, but is not limited to, training, encampments,

instruction, overflight by military aircraft, parachute drops of

personnel or equipment or other use of land by a member of the Army

National Guard or Air National Guard, a member of a reserve unit of

the armed forces of the United States, a person on active duty in

the armed forces of the United States, a state or federal

law-enforcement officer, a federal agency or service employee, a

West Virginia military authority employee or a civilian contractor

supporting the military and/or government employees acting in that

capacity.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add noncommercial recreational aircraft operations to the list of protected activities.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.