

1 S.261

2 Introduced by Senators Harrison, Gulick and Clarkson

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Court procedure; limitations on landowner liability; railroad rights of  
6 way; utility corridors

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to limit the  
8 liability of railroads and utilities that make portions of their properties  
9 available to the general public for recreational use.

10 An act relating to liability limitations for certain railroad and utility property  
11 open to the public for recreational use

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 12 V.S.A. § 5792 is amended to read:

14 § 5792. DEFINITIONS

15 As used in this chapter:

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17 (2)(A) "Land" means:

18 (i) open and undeveloped land, including paths and trails;

19 (ii) water, including springs, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, and

20 other water courses;

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13                    This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.