

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2448

5 By: Representatives Sample, Key
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE OPERATION OF SPORT SHOOTING
10 RANGES AND SPORTS FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE OPERATION OF SPORT
15 SHOOTING RANGES AND SPORTS FACILITIES.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 is amended
21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 14-1-101. Sport shooting ranges and sports facilities.

23 (a) A sport shooting range or sports facility that is not in violation
24 of a state law or an ordinance of a local unit of government prior to the
25 enactment of a new ordinance of a local unit of government affecting the
26 range or facility may continue in operation even if, at or after the time of
27 enactment of the new ordinance affecting the range or facility, the operation
28 of the sport shooting range or sports facility is not in compliance with the
29 new ordinance.

30 (b) No new ordinance of a local unit of government shall prohibit a
31 sport shooting range or sports facility that is in existence on the effective
32 date of this section from doing any of the following within the existing
33 geographic boundaries of the sport shooting range or sports facility:

34 (1) Repair, remodel, or reinforce any building or improvement as
35 may be necessary in the interest of public safety or to secure the continued



1 use of the building or improvement;

2 (2)(A) Reconstruct, repair, rebuild, or resume the use of a
3 facility or building damaged by fire, collapse, explosion, act of nature, or
4 act of war occurring after the effective date of this section.

5 (B) The reconstruction, repair, or rebuilding shall be
6 completed within one (1) year following the date of the damage or settlement
7 of any property damage claim. If reconstruction, repair, or rebuilding is
8 not completed within one (1) year, the reconstruction, repair, or rebuilding
9 may be terminated in the discretion of the local unit of government;

10 (3) Expand or enhance its membership or opportunities for public
11 participation; or

12 (4) Reasonably expand or increase facilities or activities.

13 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this section shall
14 not prohibit a local unit of government from regulating the location and
15 construction of a sport shooting range or sports facility.

16 (d) As used in this section:

17 (1) "Local unit of government" means a county, city of the first
18 class, city of the second class, or incorporated town;

19 (2) "New ordinance" also includes an ordinance or an amendment
20 to an existing ordinance;

21 (3) "Sport shooting range" means an area designed and operated
22 for the use of rifles, shotguns, pistols, silhouettes, skeet, trap, black
23 powder, or any other similar sport shooting; and

24 (4)(A) "Sports facility" means a baseball field, basketball
25 court, gymnasium, golf course, soccer field, swimming pool, tennis court, or
26 other facility for recreational sports.

27 (B) "Sports facility" does not include a facility for go-
28 carts, motorcycles, motor vehicles, or other motorized conveyances.

31 APPROVED: 3/18/2005

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