

## SB164 INTRODUCED



1 SB164  
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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, limitations of liability for certain actions taken by equines are provided to their owners.

This bill would provide limitations of liability for certain actions taken by bovines to their owners.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to animals; to provide limitations of liability for certain actions of bovines to their owners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) BOVINE. Any buffalo, bison, cattle, or oxen.

(2) BOVINE ACTIVITY. Any activity involving one or more bovine, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

a. Grazing, herding, feeding, branding, milking, or other activity that involves the care or maintenance of a bovine.

b. A bovine auction or production sale.



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c. A bovine show, fair, or competition.

d. Bovine training or teaching activities.

e. Boarding a bovine.

f. Riding, inspecting, or evaluating a bovine.

(3) BOVINE OWNER. Any person with ownership rights to a bovine.

(4) INHERENT RISK OF A BOVINE ACTIVITY. A danger or condition that is an integral part of a bovine activity, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

a. The propensity of a bovine to behave in ways that may result in injury, loss, damage, or death to a person on or around the bovine.

b. The unpredictability of a bovine's reaction to sounds, sudden movements, and unfamiliar objects, individuals, and other animals.

c. Certain hazards on the property, such as surface and subsurface conditions.

d. Collisions with other bovines or objects.

(5) PERSON. An individual, corporation, or any other legal entity.

(b)(1) A bovine owner shall not be liable for any injury, loss, damage, or death of a person resulting from an inherent risk of a bovine activity.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (c), no person shall make any claim against, maintain an action against, or recover from a bovine owner for injury, loss, damage, or death of a person resulting from an inherent risk of a bovine activity.



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(c)(1) Subsection (b) shall not be construed to prevent or limit the liability of a bovine owner if the owner does either of the following:

a. Fails to post and maintain warning signs pursuant to subsection (d).

b. Commits an act or omission that constitutes willful or wanton disregard for the safety of a person, and that act or omission causes the injury, loss, damage, or death of a person.

(2) Article 2 of Chapter 15 of Title 35, Code of Alabama 1975, shall not apply to a bovine owner if injury, loss, damage, or death of a person results from an inherent risk of a bovine activity.

(d)(1) A bovine owner shall post and maintain signs that contain the warning notice specified in subdivision (2). A sign shall be placed in a clearly visible location on or near a stable, corral, fence, enclosure, or arena where the owner conducts bovine activities. The warning notice shall appear in black letters, with each letter being a minimum of one inch in height.

(2) The signs described in subdivision (1) shall contain the following warning notice:

### **"WARNING**

Under Alabama Law, a bovine owner is not liable for any injury, loss, damage, or death of a person resulting from the inherent risks of bovine activities, pursuant to this act."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on January



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