



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6241

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING AGRITOURISM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Agriculture" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-1 of
4 the general statutes;

5 (2) "Agritourism" means any agriculture-related educational,
6 entertainment, historical, cultural or recreational activity, including, but
7 not limited to, you-pick operations, corn mazes, hay rides or farm
8 markets that are conducted on a farm which allows or invites members
9 of the general public to observe or participate in such activity;

10 (3) "Agritourism provider" means any person who owns, operates,
11 provides or sponsors an agritourism activity or an employee of such a
12 person who engages in or provides agritourism activities, whether or
13 not for a fee;

14 (4) "Farm" means land that is composed of tracts, lots or parcels that
15 are devoted to agriculture;

16 (5) "Participant" means any individual, other than the agritourism
17 provider providing such activity, who observes or participates in an

18 agritourism activity; and

19 (6) "Risk inherent in an agritourism activity" means any danger or
20 condition that is an integral part of an agritourism activity, including
21 each of the following:

22 (A) The surface and subsurface conditions of land;

23 (B) The behavior or actions of wild animals not kept by or under the
24 control of an agritourism provider;

25 (C) The behavior or actions of livestock or domestic animals, other
26 than damage by dogs, as described in section 22-357 of the general
27 statutes;

28 (D) The ordinary dangers associated with land, structures, animals or
29 equipment ordinarily used in agriculture or agritourism activities;

30 (E) The possibility of personal injury, property damage or contracting
31 illness from proximity to, or physical contact with structures,
32 equipment, animals, animal feed, farm chemicals or animal waste; or

33 (F) The possibility that a participant may act in a negligent manner,
34 including by failing to follow instructions given by the agritourism
35 provider or by failing to exercise reasonable care while engaging in the
36 agritourism activity that may contribute to personal injury or property
37 damage to such participant or another participant.

38 (b) In any civil action, an agritourism provider shall be immune from
39 liability for any personal injury or property damage a participant
40 sustains during an agritourism activity if the participant incurs personal
41 injury or property damage as a result of a risk inherent in an agritourism
42 activity.

43 (c) An agritourism provider shall not be immune from civil liability
44 for harm sustained by a participant if any of the following applies:

45 (1) The agritourism provider acts negligently or with a wilful or

46 wanton disregard for the safety of the participant;

47 (2) The agritourism provider purposefully causes personal injury or
48 property damage to the participant; or

49 (3) The agritourism provider's actions or inactions constitute criminal
50 conduct and cause personal injury or property damage to the
51 participant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*