



**House
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**OPERATING SNOWMOBILE:
LIABILITY**

House Bill 6244

Sponsor: Rep. Charles LaSata

**Committee: Conservation and Outdoor
Recreation**

Complete to 7-31-02

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6244 AS INTRODUCED 7-3-02

House Bill 6244 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (MCL 324.82126) to qualify the types of risks that snowmobilers are understood to accept as risks associated with snowmobiling. Part 821 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) regulates the ownership and operation of snowmobiles and states that each person who participates in the sport of snowmobiling accepts certain “obvious and inherent” risks associated with the sport. Examples of such risks or dangers include injuries to persons or property that result from variation in terrain, surface or subsurface snow or ice conditions, and collisions with signs, fences, or other snowmobiles or snow-grooming equipment. The bill would specify that a person who participates in the sport of snowmobiling does not thereby accept the risk for injuries to persons or property that can result from the careless or negligent use of a snowmobile by another person.

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