

SENATE BILL NO. 159

INTRODUCED BY M. ANDERSON

IN THE SENATE

January 16, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
January 21, 1981	Referred to Committee on Fish and Game.
February 13, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 14, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 16, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
February 17, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 18, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 41; Noes, 8. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

February 19, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 11, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 14, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 17, 1981	Third reading, concurred in as amended. Ayes, 82; Noes, 14.

IN THE SENATE

March 18, 1981	Returned from House with amendments.
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March 19, 1981

Second reading, pass consideration.

March 20, 1981

Second reading, amendments concurred in.

March 23, 1981

Third reading, amendments concurred in. Ayes, 48; Noes, 0. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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Insert: "AND CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF OUTFITTER;"

2. Page 2, line 7.

Following: "(d)"

Insert: "for consideration"

3. Page 3, line 1.

Following: "acts"

Insert: "or omissions"

4. Page 3, lines 5 and 6.

Following: "damage" on line 5

Strike: remainder of line 5 through "recovery" on line 6

5. Page 4, lines 6 through 8.

Following: "participant" on line 6

Strike: remainder of line 6 through "he" on line 8

Following: "received" on line 8

Strike: "sufficient"

6. Page 4, line 9.

Following: line 8

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Insert: "permission"

Following: "guide"

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7. Page 4, line 10.

Following: line 9

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8. Page 4, line 11.

Following: "(c)"

Strike: remainder of line 11

9. Page 4, line 13.

Following: "injury to"

Insert: "himself or"

10. Page 4, lines 15 through 24.

Strike: Section 5 in its entirety

Re-number: subsequent sections

11. Page 4, line 25.

Following: "through"

Strike: "5"

Insert: "4"

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