



2013 SENATE BILL 527

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 895.527 (3) and 895.527 (4); and *to create* 895.527 (8), 895.527
2 (9) and 895.527 (10) of the statutes; **relating to:** liability and immunity of sport
3 shooting ranges.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 895.527 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 895.527 (3) A person who owns or operates a sport shooting range is not subject
6 to an action for nuisance or to state or local zoning conditions related to noise and no.
7 If a sport shooting range, on the date it was established, was a lawful or legal
8 nonconforming use under any state law or local ordinance related to its use that was
9 in effect on that date, the sport shooting range continues to be subject to the state
10 laws and local ordinances related to its use that were in effect on the date it was

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1 established. No court may enjoin or restrain the operation or use of a sport shooting
2 range on the basis of noise or on the basis of noncompliance with a state law or local
3 ordinance related to its operation or use that was enacted after the date that the sport
4 shooting range was established if the sport shooting range, on the date it was
5 established, was a lawful or legal nonconforming operation or use under any state
6 law or local ordinance related to its operation or use that was in effect on that date.

7 **SECTION 2.** 895.527 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 35,
8 is amended to read:

9 895.527 (4) Any sport shooting range that exists on July 16, 2013, may continue
10 to operate as a sport shooting range at that location notwithstanding any zoning
11 ordinance enacted under s. 59.69, 59.692, 60.61, 60.62, 61.35 or 62.23 (7), if the sport
12 shooting range is a lawful use or a legal nonconforming use under any zoning
13 ordinance enacted under s. 59.69, 59.692, 60.61, 60.62, 61.35 or 62.23 (7) that is in
14 effect on July 16, 2013. The operation of the sport shooting range continues to be a
15 lawful use or legal nonconforming use notwithstanding any expansion of, or
16 enhancement or improvement to, the sport shooting range.

17 **SECTION 3.** 895.527 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

18 895.527 (8) An owner or operator of a sport shooting range, or an employee,
19 agent, contractor, customer, or insurer of the owner or operator of a sport shooting
20 range, and any user of a sport shooting range is immune from civil liability in any
21 action commenced by the state or its political subdivisions, or by a special purpose
22 district, related to the use, release, placement, deposition, or accumulation of any
23 projectiles on or under the sport shooting range or other contiguous real property
24 over which the owner or operator of a sport shooting range has an easement,
25 leasehold, or other legal right to use.

