# **SENATE BILL 642**

#### By: **Senators Gallion, Folden, and Bailey** Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2025 Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

## 2 Courts – Prohibited Liability Agreements – Indoor Trampoline Parks

- FOR the purpose of altering a provision of law that makes unenforceable a provision of a
  contract or agreement limiting liability for injury caused by negligence or other
  wrongful acts to apply the unenforceability only to contracts or agreements relating
  to the use of an indoor trampoline park rather than the use of a recreational facility;
  and generally relating to liability agreements and indoor trampoline parks.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article Courts and Judicial Proceedings
- 10 Section 5–401.2
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
   14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 15 Article Courts and Judicial Proceedings
- 16 5-401.2.
- 17 (a) **[**(1) In this section, "recreational facility" means a commercial recreational 18 facility, a commercial athletic facility, or an amusement attraction.
- 19 (2) "Recreational facility" includes:
- 20 (i) Gymnasiums; and
- 21 (ii) Swimming pools.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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(3) "Recreational facility" does not include:

2 (i) A lodging establishment, as defined in § 15–201 of the Business 3 Regulation Article, unless the lodging establishment owns, maintains, or operates a 4 recreational facility that is available for use by the general public; or

5 (ii) A unit of State or local government that leases land or facilities 6 to a recreational facility.

7 (b) This section does not apply to a health club services agreement, as defined in 8 § 14–12B–01 of the Commercial Law Article, for services to be rendered for an adult.

9 (c)] Any provision in a contract or agreement relating to the use of [a recreational 10 facility] AN INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK that purports to limit the [recreational facility's] 11 INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK'S liability, or release the [recreational facility] INDOOR 12 TRAMPOLINE PARK from or indemnify or hold harmless the [recreational facility] 13 INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK against liability, for injury caused by or resulting from the 14 negligence or other wrongful act of the [recreational facility] INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK 15 or its agents or on-duty employees is against public policy and is void and unenforceable.

16 [(d)] (B) This section may not be interpreted to affect, extend, or limit the 17 liability of a governmental entity for a tort or other claim subject to Title 12, Subtitle 1 of 18 the State Government Article or Subtitle 3 of this title.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 20 October 1, 2025.