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#### **R.C. § 1533.18 and § 1533.181**

*Current through 2010 Files 1 to 34 and 36, of the 128th GA (2009-2010), apv. 6/8/10, and filed with the Secretary of State by 6/9/10.*

#### **1533.18 Premises, recreational user, all-purpose vehicle defined**

As used in sections 1533.18 and 1533.181 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Premises" means all privately owned lands, ways, and waters, and any buildings and structures thereon, and all privately owned and state-owned lands, ways, and waters leased to a private person, firm, or organization, including any buildings and structures thereon.

(B) "Recreational user" means a person to whom permission has been granted, without the payment of a fee or consideration to the owner, lessee, or occupant of premises, other than a fee or consideration paid to the state or any agency of the state, or a lease payment or fee paid to the owner of privately owned lands, to enter upon premises to hunt, fish, trap, camp, hike, or swim, or to operate a snowmobile, all-purpose vehicle, or four-wheel drive motor vehicle, or to engage in other recreational pursuits.

(C) "All-purpose vehicle" has the same meaning as in [section 4519.01 of the Revised Code](#).

#### **1533.181 Exemption from liability to recreational users**

(A) No owner, lessee, or occupant of premises:

- (1) Owes any duty to a recreational user to keep the premises safe for entry or use;
- (2) Extends any assurance to a recreational user, through the act of giving permission, that the premises are safe for entry or use;
- (3) Assumes responsibility for or incurs liability for any injury to person or property caused by any act of a recreational user.

(B) Division (A) of this section applies to the owner, lessee, or occupant of privately

owned, nonresidential premises, whether or not the premises are kept open for public use and whether or not the owner, lessee, or occupant denies entry to certain individuals.