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Amendment No. CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 Representative Llorente offered the following: 2 3 Amendment (with title amendment) 4 Remove lines 40-54 and insert: 5 (b) In addition to the authority granted in paragraph (a), 6 natural quardians are authorized, on behalf of any of their 7 minor children, to waive and release, in advance, any claim or 8 cause of action against an activity provider and its employees 9 for the inherent risks involved in any activity; however, any 10 waiver or release by a natural guardian on behalf of any of his 11 or her minor children does not grant civil immunity to any 12 person or entity whose negligence, gross negligence, or 13 intentional conduct causes injury to a minor child sustained in 14 the course of an activity. As used in this section, the term "negligence" means doing something that a reasonably careful 15 16 person would not do under like circumstances or failing to do 344949 Approved For Filing: 4/23/2009 1:54:23 PM Page 1 of 3

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Amendment No. 17 something that a reasonably careful person would do under like circumstances. Waivers and releases under this subsection are 18 19 disfavored and must be strictly construed against a party 20 claiming to be relieved of liability due to such a waiver and 21 release. Such waivers and releases are enforceable only where 22 and to the extent that the intention to be relieved of liability 23 was made clear and unequivocal in the waiver and release and the 24 wording of the waiver and release was so clear and 25 understandable that an ordinary and knowledgeable person would 26 know what he or she would be contracting away. Nothing in this 27 paragraph shall be construed to relieve an activity provider or 28 its employees or agents from liability for any claim based on a 29 violation of state or federal law. (c) Notwithstanding the authority granted in paragraph 30 (b), natural guardians are authorized, on behalf of any of their 31 minor children, to sign waivers or releases in accordance with 32 chapter 773, regarding equine, activities and s. 549.09, 33 34 regarding motor sport activities. 35 36 _____ 37 TITLE AMENDMENT Remove lines 3-13 and insert: 38 39 744.301, F.S.; authorizing natural guardians to waive, in 40 advance, the risks involved in any activity; providing exceptions; providing that such waivers and releases are 41 42 disfavored and must be strictly construed against a party claiming to be relieved of liability; providing readability 43 44 requirements for the wording of such waivers and releases; 344949 Approved For Filing: 4/23/2009 1:54:23 PM

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- 45 providing that such a waiver and release may not be construed to
- 46 apply to claims based on a violation of state or federal law;
- 47 authorizing waivers and releases in accordance with ch. 773 and
- 48 s. 549.09, F.S.; providing an effective date.