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commercial river outfitters; limited liability

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CHAPTER 196

HOUSE BILL 2279

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 12-558.04; RELATING TO LIMITATIONS OF ACTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 5, article 3, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 12-558.04, to read:

4 12-558.04. Limited liability; commercial river outfitters;
5 exceptions; definitions

6 A. A COMMERCIAL RIVER OUTFITTER DOES NOT HAVE A DUTY TO ALTER,
7 ELIMINATE, CONTROL OR DECREASE THE INHERENT RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN A
8 RIVER TRIP IN GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK. THE INHERENT RISKS OF A RIVER
9 TRIP MAY BE CONTRACTUALLY IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMERCIAL RIVER OUTFITTER AND
10 A PARTICIPANT IN A RIVER TRIP, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF INHERENT RISKS
11 SHALL BE DETERMINATIVE AND BINDING. COMMERCIAL RIVER OUTFITTERS ARE
12 IMMUNE FROM CLAIMS FOR INJURY OR DEATH THAT ARISE OUT OF THE INHERENT
13 RISKS OF A RIVER TRIP BUT ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF OTHER
14 CIRCUMSTANCES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.

15 B. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY
16 VOLUNTARILY RELEASE A COMMERCIAL RIVER OUTFITTER FROM LIABILITY FOR AN
17 INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PERSON RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN A RIVER
18 TRIP IN GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK. A COMMERCIAL RIVER OUTFITTER IS
19 IMMUNE FROM CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE ONLY IF THE CLAIMS
20 ARE CONTRACTUALLY WAIVED IN A LIABILITY RELEASE.

21 C. SUBSECTIONS A AND B OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO A COMMERCIAL
22 RIVER OUTFITTER THAT IS GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR THAT COMMITS WILFUL, WANTON
23 OR INTENTIONAL ACTS OR OMISSIONS.

24 D. SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A COMMERCIAL
25 RIVER OUTFITTER IF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

26 1. THE COMMERCIAL RIVER OUTFITTER KNOWS OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT A
27 HAZARDOUS CONDITION EXISTS.

28 2. THE COMMERCIAL RIVER OUTFITTER FAILS TO DISCLOSE THE HAZARDOUS
29 CONDITION TO A PARTICIPANT.

30 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

31 1. "COMMERCIAL RIVER OUTFITTER":

32 (a) MEANS AN ENTITY THAT IS ALLOWED UNDER FEDERAL LAW TO PROVIDE
33 RIVER TRIPS TO THE PUBLIC IN GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK.

34 (b) INCLUDES EMPLOYEES OF A COMMERCIAL RIVER OUTFITTER WHO ARE
35 ACTING IN THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

36 2. "RIVER TRIP" MEANS ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES OR OCCURRENCES, WHETHER
37 TAKING PLACE ON WATER OR LAND, FOR WHICH THE COMMERCIAL RIVER OUTFITTER
38 HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE OUTFITTING OR GUIDING SERVICES.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 19, 2026.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JUNE 22, 2026.