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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>

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Representative Ambler offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

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Remove lines 40-54 and insert:

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6 <u>natural guardians are authorized</u>, on behalf of any of their
7 minor children, to waive and release, in advance, any claim or

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cause of action against an activity provider and its employees for the inherent risks involved in any activity; however, any waiver or release by a natural guardian on behalf of any of his or her minor children does not grant civil immunity to any person or entity whose negligence, gross negligence, or intentional conduct causes injury to a minor child sustained in the course of an activity. As used in this section, the term "negligence" means doing something that a reasonably careful person would not do under like circumstances or failing to do 541697

(b) In addition to the authority granted in paragraph (a),

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something that a reasonably careful person would do under like
circumstances. Waivers and releases under this subsection are
disfavored and must be strictly construed against a party
claiming to be relieved of liability due to such a waiver and
release. Such waivers and releases are enforceable only where
and to the extent that the intention to be relieved of liability
was made clear and unequivocal in the waiver and release and the
wording of the waiver and release was so clear and
understandable that an ordinary and knowledgeable person would
know what he or she would be contracting away. Nothing in this
paragraph shall be construed to relieve an activity provider or
its employees or agents from liability for any claim based on a
violation of state or federal law.

(c) Notwithstanding the authority granted in paragraph (b), natural guardians are authorized, on behalf of any of their minor children, to sign waivers or releases in accordance with chapter 773, regarding equine, activities and s. 549.09, regarding motor sport activities.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 3-13 and insert:

744.301, F.S.; authorizing natural guardians to waive, in advance, the risks involved in any activity; providing exceptions; providing that such waivers and releases are disfavored and must be strictly construed against a party claiming to be relieved of liability; providing readability requirements for the wording of such waivers and releases; 541697

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45	providing	that	such	а	waiver	and	release	may	not	be	construed	to	
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46 apply to claims based on a violation of state or federal law;

47 authorizing waivers and releases in accordance with ch. 773 and

s. 549.09, F.S.; providing an effective date.