

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE BILL 1959

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to tourism and recreation; creating
8 the Rural Tourism Protection Act; defining term;
9 requiring the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
10 Department to notify municipalities regarding changes
11 in service; providing for codification; and providing
12 an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2215.1 of Title 74, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. This act shall be known as the "Rural Tourism Protection
18 Act".

19 B. As used in this section, the term "change in services" means
20 the:

- 21 1. Permanent change of a primary existing operational function;
- 22 2. Reduction by fifty percent (50%) or more of the hours of
23 operation or services; or
- 24 3. Closure

1 of any state park, historic site, or recreational area operated by
2 or pursuant to the authority of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
3 Department.

4 C. Prior to making a change in services, the Department shall
5 provide sixty (60) days' notice to the governing authority of each
6 municipality and county in which any part of the state park,
7 historic site, or recreational area is located regarding the
8 specific proposed change in services. The notice required by this
9 subsection shall be made in writing and sent to the applicable
10 chairperson of the county commissioners and the mayor of the
11 municipality.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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