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March 1, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 258

By: Coates of the Senate

and

McNiel of the House

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission; amending Section 18, Chapter 363, O.S.L. 2005 (74 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 2217), which relates to state parks; authorizing the Commission to adopt certain rules; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 18, Chapter 363, O.S.L.
2005 (74 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 2217), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 2217. The public shall have the right to access and use the facilities, services, and programs provided within state parks.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person may:

a. discharge fireworks in any area of a state park unless specified otherwise by the Division of State Parks Director,

b. possess any glass container in a designated and posted swim or beach area within a state park,

- 1 c. build a fire within a state park in areas posted as
2 prohibited by the Department,
- 3 d. solicit or demand gifts, money, goods or services
4 within a state park,
- 5 e. enter a state park with a dog, unless the dog is on a
6 leash, or permit any dog to enter a state park or
7 recreation area under the jurisdiction of the
8 Commission. It is further provided that any
9 authorized member of the Department or any authorized
10 employee of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife
11 Conservation may kill any vicious dog found running
12 loose in any state park which poses imminent threat to
13 humans or other animals, or which may be chasing or
14 running any game in the state park. Any such
15 authorized employees of the Departments shall not be
16 held liable for the killing of said dog,
- 17 f. injure, destroy, mutilate or deface any building,
18 structure, sign, rock, tree, shrub, vine, or property,
19 or dispose of any matter which will likely contaminate
20 any swimming pool or other waters on the state park,
21 or take, kill, injure, pursue, hunt, or molest, any
22 wild game animal, or mar or rifle the nest of any bird
23 or the den or nest or abode of any wild animal within
24 any of the state parks, recreational grounds or state

monuments now created or which may be hereafter
acquired or designated,

g. use or operate motor vehicles, including motorcycles,
motorbikes or motor scooters, in areas not
specifically posted by the Department, ~~or~~

h. sell, hawk, or peddle within a state park any goods,
wares, merchandise, liquids, edibles, or any item of
value, without having a contract or lease agreement
approved by the Commission, or

i. violate any other prohibitions specified in rules
promulgated by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
Commission.

2. Any such violation of the provisions of this section shall
be punishable as a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of not less
than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and no more than Five Hundred Dollars
(\$500.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than
thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

3. Fifty percent (50%) of all monies collected pursuant to this
section shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
Department Revolving Fund and fifty percent (50%) shall be remitted
to the county in which the violation is made.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & WILDLIFE, dated 2-22-11
- DO PASS, As Coauthored.