

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 13, 2020

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1683

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6 An Act relating to state parks; amending 74 O.S.
7 2011, Section 2217, which relates to access to state
8 parks; prohibiting occupying a reserved campsite;
9 prohibiting entering a state park where an entry fee
10 is required; providing an exception for certain park
11 entry passholders; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2217, is
14 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

Director,

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

22 c. build a fire within a state park in areas posted as
23 prohibited by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation

24 Department,

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

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

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

8 i. physically occupy a campsite identified as "Reserved"
9 by Department staff or by the park reservation system,
10 or fail to vacate a campsite within a reasonable time
11 after being notified of the campsite's reserved status
12 by Department staff, or

13 j. enter an area of a state park that is identified as an
14 area requiring payment of an entry fee without having
15 first paid the entry fee or being a valid park entry
16 passholder for the date of entry.

17 2. Any such violation of the provisions of this section shall
18 be punishable as a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of not less
19 than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and no more than Five Hundred Dollars
20 (\$500.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than
21 thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

3 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
4 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND TOURISM
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