

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1683

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, 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 Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
3 Department,
- 4 d. solicit or demand gifts, money, goods or services
5 within a state park,
- 6 e. enter a state park with a dog, unless the dog is on a
7 leash, or permit any dog to enter a state park or
8 recreation area under the jurisdiction of the
9 Commission. It is further provided that any
10 authorized member of the Department or any authorized
11 employee of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife
12 Conservation may kill any vicious dog found running
13 loose in any state park which poses imminent threat to
14 humans or other animals, or which may be chasing or
15 running any game in the state park. Any such
16 authorized employees of the Departments shall not be
17 held liable for the killing of ~~said~~ the dog,
- 18 f. injure, destroy, mutilate or deface any building,
19 structure, sign, rock, tree, shrub, vine, or property,
20 or dispose of any matter which will likely contaminate
21 any swimming pool or other waters on the state park,
22 or take, kill, injure, pursue, hunt, or molest, any
23 wild game animal, or mar or rifle the nest of any bird
24 or the den or nest or abode of any wild animal within

1 any of the state parks, recreational grounds or state
2 monuments now created or which may be hereafter
3 acquired or designated,

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

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

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

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

20 2. Any such violation of the provisions of this section shall
21 be punishable as a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of not less
22 than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and no more than Five Hundred Dollars
23 (\$500.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than
24 thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

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

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