

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3686

By: Kannady

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An Act relating to the use of public lands; defining term; prohibiting certain use of public lands; designating certain action as a misdemeanor; allowing for certain process for first violations; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1096 of Title 64, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section, "unauthorized camp" means any tent, shelter, or bedding constructed or arranged for the purpose of or in such a way to permit overnight use on a property not designated as a campsite.

B. Persons may not use state-owned lands for the purposes of establishing an unauthorized camp.

C. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a

1 fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or by imprisonment in the  
2 county jail for not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or by both such  
3 fine and imprisonment. However, a person who commits a first  
4 violation of this section shall be issued a warning, and a citation  
5 may not be issued unless the person refuses any assistance offered  
6 to them by the arresting officer. Such assistance may include, but  
7 is not limited to, transportation to a shelter, food pantry, or  
8 other place where resources are made available to assist the  
9 indigent and homeless.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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