

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1854

By: Weaver, Rogers, and Jett of
the Senate

and

Kannady of the House

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.

SUBJECT: Unauthorized camps on state-owned lands

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 fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or by both such fine

and imprisonment. However, a person who commits a first violation of this section shall be issued a warning, and a citation may not be issued unless the person refuses any assistance offered to them by the arresting officer. Such assistance may include, but is not limited to, transportation to a shelter, food pantry, or other place where resources are made available to assist the indigent and homeless.

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

Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of April, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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