

# HOUSE BILL 1027

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By: **Delegate Ross**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – ~~Residential~~ Youth Camps – ~~Definition~~ Definitions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “day camp” to include certain youth  
4 camp that have campers who reside at the camp for a certain number of days;  
5 altering the definition of “residential camp” for purposes of certain provisions of  
6 law governing youth camps to increase the number of days a youth camp may  
7 operate as a residential camp; altering the definitions of “travel camp” and “trip  
8 camp” to increase the number of days a residential camp may operate as a  
9 travel camp or a trip camp; and generally relating to ~~residential~~ youth camps.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Health – General  
12 Section 14–401  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 14–401.

19 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) “Alternative accreditation” means a national camping standard that is  
2 acceptable to the Secretary as providing adequate health and safety protection for the  
3 campers, such as the American Camping Association standards for camp programs  
4 and services and the Boy Scouts of America standards, which includes an annual  
5 monitoring process to verify compliance with the standard.

6 (c) “Camper” means any child under 18 years of age who is attending a youth  
7 camp.

8 (d) “Certificate” means a single certificate issued by the Department to a  
9 youth camp under this subtitle.

10 (e) “Council” means the Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council.

11 (f) “Day” means all or part of a 24-hour period.

12 (g) “Day camp” means a youth camp that:

13 (1) ~~(I)~~ **I** Is operated for all or part of the day but less than 24 hours a  
14 day;

15 ~~(2)~~ **II** Is conducted for at least 7 days during a 3-week period; and

16 ~~(3)~~ **III** Provides 3 or more recreational activities or any 1  
17 specialized activity including:

18 ~~(i)~~ **1.** Aquatic programs;

19 ~~(ii)~~ **2.** Horseback riding;

20 ~~(iii)~~ **3.** Firearms control;

21 ~~(iv)~~ **4.** Riflery;

22 ~~(v)~~ **5.** Archery;

23 ~~(vi)~~ **6.** Adventure camps;

24 ~~(vii)~~ **7.** Artistic gymnastics;

25 ~~(viii)~~ **8.** Hang gliding;

26 ~~(ix)~~ **9.** Road cycling;

27 ~~(x)~~ **10.** Skiing;

- 1           ~~(xi)~~ **11.** Rock climbing;
- 2           ~~(xii)~~ **12.** Spelunking;
- 3           ~~(xiii)~~ **13.** Motorized vehicle activities;
- 4           ~~(xiv)~~ **14.** Rappelling; or
- 5           ~~(xv)~~ **15.** High ropes; **OR**

6                   **(2) OPERATES AT A FACILITY OR CAMPSITE AT WHICH A CAMPER**  
 7 **LIVES APART OR INTENDS TO LIVE APART FROM THE CAMPER'S RELATIVES,**  
 8 **PARENTS, OR LEGAL GUARDIANS FOR 5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.**

9           (h) "Occasional use" means periodic involvement in a program where there is  
 10 no expectation of regular attendance.

11           (i) "Operate" means to supervise, control, conduct, or manage a youth camp  
 12 as:

- 13                   (1) An owner;
- 14                   (2) An agent of the owner;
- 15                   (3) A lessee of the owner;
- 16                   (4) A director; or
- 17                   (5) An independent contractor.

18           (j) "Residential camp" means a youth camp operating at a facility or  
 19 campsite at which a camper either lives apart or intends to live apart from the  
 20 camper's relatives, parents, or legal guardians for at least **[5] 6** consecutive days.

21           (k) "Routine activity" means any type of activity other than a specialized  
 22 activity as set forth in subsection ~~(g)(2)~~ **(G)(1)(III)** of this section that is conducted for  
 23 children by a youth camp.

24           (l) "Travel camp" means a residential camp that:

- 25                   (1) Operates for at least ~~5~~ **6** consecutive days; and
- 26                   (2) Provides for campers to use motorized transportation to move as a  
 27 group to or among sites for experiences in different environments.

28           (m) "Trip camp" means a residential camp:

1 (1) That operates for at least ~~5~~ 6 consecutive days; and

2 (2) In which a group of individuals move from 1 site to another under  
3 their own power or by transportation which permits individual guidance of a vehicle or  
4 animal.

5 (n) "Unit" means a board, department, agency, or other component of a  
6 county or a municipal corporation.

7 (o) "Youth camp" or "camp" means any day camp, residential camp, travel  
8 camp, or trip camp that:

9 (1) Accommodates 7 or more campers who are unrelated to the person  
10 operating the camp;

11 (2) Provides primarily recreational activities or has a substantial  
12 outdoor recreational component;

13 (3) Has permanent buildings, temporary buildings, or no buildings;  
14 and

15 (4) Operates on:

16 (i) Owned private property;

17 (ii) Owned private facilities;

18 (iii) Leased private property;

19 (iv) Leased private facilities;

20 (v) Public property; or

21 (vi) Public facilities.

22 (p) "Youth overnight program" means an activity sponsored by a religious or  
23 a community organization at a facility or site at which an individual less than 18 years  
24 old either lives apart or intends to live apart from the individual's relatives, parent, or  
25 legal guardians for fewer than 5 consecutive days.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2011.