

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 651

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to tourism and recreation; creating
8 the Rural Tourism Protection Act; providing short
9 title; defining term; requiring the Oklahoma Tourism
10 and Recreation Department to notify municipalities
11 regarding changes in service; allowing for certain
12 exceptions to notification; providing for
13 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2215.1 of Title 74, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. This act shall be known as the "Rural Tourism Protection
19 Act".

20 B. As used in this section, the term "change in services" means
21 the:

22 1. Reduction by fifty percent (50%) or more of the hours of
23 operation or services; or
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1 2. Closure of any state park, parkland or public recreation
2 facility under the jurisdiction and control of the Oklahoma Tourism
3 and Recreation Department.

4 C. Prior to making a change in services, the Department shall
5 provide sixty (60) days' notice to the governing authority of each
6 municipality and county in which any part of the state park,
7 parkland, public recreation facility or recreational area is located
8 regarding the specific proposed change in services. The notice
9 required by this subsection shall be made in writing and sent to the
10 applicable chairperson of the county commissioners and the mayor of
11 the municipality.

12 D. Section 1 of this act shall not apply in cases of natural
13 disasters and acts of nature including, but not limited to, severe
14 drought, flooding, wild fires, tornadoes, or earthquakes.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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