

# State of Tennessee

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 665**

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1918

### By Representatives Hale, Lamberth, Moody, Eldridge, Sherrell

#### Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2918

#### By Senators Bailey, Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 55; Title 62, Chapter 7; Title 66; Title 68, Chapter 110 and Title 68, Chapter 14, relative to recreational camper sites.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 110, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Campground" means any parcel or tract of land, other than stateowned lands, including buildings and other structures, where five (5) or more campsites are made available for use as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use. The term "campground" includes recreational vehicle parks; and

(2) "Campground owner" means the owner or operator of a campground or an agent of the owner or operator. A campground owner is not a landlord, as that term is used in title 66.

(b) A campground owner must post in a high traffic area on the campground or distribute to registered guests or visitors of the campground a written policy on campground curfew, alcohol use, tobacco use, and pets.

(c) A campground owner may eject a person from the campground and notify the appropriate local law enforcement authorities of any person who:

(1) Is not a registered guest or visitor of the campground;

(2) Remains on the campground beyond an agreed-upon departure time and date;

(3) Defaults in the payment of any lawfully imposed registration or visitor fee or charge;

(4) Creates a disturbance that denies other persons their right to quiet enjoyment of the campground necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety; or

(5) Violates any federal, state, or local law.

(d) A person who remains on a campground after having been asked to leave by a campground owner for violating subsection (c) commits criminal trespass under § 39-14-405, regardless of whether the person was a registered guest of the campground whose agreed-upon departure date has not passed at the time of the trespass, and may be removed summarily by the campground owner or a law enforcement officer.

(e) A person who is removed from a campground under subsection (d) is entitled to a refund of the unused portion of any prepaid fees, less any amount otherwise owed to the campground owner or deducted for damages, which unused portion of prepaid fees may be prorated at a rate that is based upon the daily rate charged by the campground owner. SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: <u>March 21, 2024</u>

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SPEAKER OF THE SENÁTE

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ April \_\_\_\_\_ 2024

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**BILL LEE, GOVERNOR**