



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5256

LCO No. 1487



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR INJURIES INHERENT IN CAMPING WHILE AT A PRIVATE CAMPGROUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Camper" means any person who uses a private campground for
3 the purpose of camping or recreational vehicle camping;

4 (2) "Camping" means all aspects of visiting, staying at, using and
5 leaving a private campground, including the use of lodging of all types
6 while at a private campground; and

7 (3) "Private campground" means any parcel or tract of land, including
8 buildings and other structures on such land, that is owned or operated
9 by a private property owner where five or more campsites are made
10 available for use as temporary living quarters for recreational camping,
11 travel or seasonal use. "Private campground" includes recreational
12 vehicle parks operated by a private property owner.

13 (b) Each camper shall assume the risk for any injury to their person

14 arising out of the hazards inherent in camping.

15 (c) Nothing in subsection (b) of this section shall prevent suit or limit
16 the liability of a private campground owner or operator who in the
17 operation of the private campground: (1) Commits an act or omission
18 that constitutes negligence; (2) intentionally causes the injury of another
19 person; (3) acts with a disregard for the safety of the person injured; (4)
20 fails to use a degree of care that an ordinarily careful prudent person
21 would use under similar circumstances; or (5) fails to conspicuously
22 post warning signs of a condition known to be dangerous at the private
23 campground.

24 (d) Any written contract entered into by a private campground owner
25 and a camper, or an employee or officer of a private campground owner
26 and a camper, shall contain in clearly readable print, a warning notice
27 stating that each camper shall assume the risk for any injury to their
28 person arising out of the hazards inherent in camping.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2024	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To statutorily prescribe that each camper shall assume the risk for any injury to their person arising out of the hazards inherent in camping while at a private campground.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]