

HB4300



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/14/2026, by Rep. Patrick Windhorst

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 95/2

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 762

Amends the Campground Licensing and Recreational Area Act. Changes the definition of "campground" so that the number of camping days increases to 10 or more (instead of 6 or more) during a calendar year.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Campground Licensing and Recreational Area
5 Act is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 95/2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 762)

7 Sec. 2. As used in this Act, unless the context requires
8 otherwise:

9 (a) "Recreational Area" is any area of land which is
10 designed, constructed, operated or maintained either free of
11 charge or for revenue purposes for recreational activities.
12 The term "Recreational Area" is not meant to include primitive
13 areas which evidence no major artificial change from the
14 natural surrounding woodlands, croplands, pasturelands,
15 prairielands, wetlands, or water areas, and where any
16 recreational activities allowed are not for revenue purposes.

17 (b) "Recreational Activities" include, but are not limited
18 to hunting, fishing, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking,
19 pleasure driving, nature study, water skiing, festivals,
20 public gatherings and visiting historical, archaeological,
21 scenic or scientific sites, or for any purpose, including but
22 not limited to educational, vocational and religious
23 activities and assemblies.

1 (c) "Director" means the Director of the Illinois
2 Department of Public Health.

3 (d) "Department" means the Illinois Department of Public
4 Health.

5 (e) "Person" means any individual, group of individuals,
6 association, trust, partnership, corporation, person doing
7 business under an assumed name, county, municipality, the
8 State of Illinois, or any political subdivision or department
9 thereof, or any other entity.

10 (f) "License" means a certificate issued by the Department
11 allowing a person to operate and maintain a campground under
12 the provisions of this Act and regulations issued hereunder.

13 (g) "Permit" means a certificate issued by the Department
14 permitting the construction, alteration and extension of a
15 campground under the provisions of this Act and the
16 regulations issued hereunder.

17 (h) "Sanitary Station" means a facility used for removing
18 and disposing of wastes from holding tanks.

19 (i) "Service Building" means a structure housing toilet,
20 lavatory and such other facilities as may be required by this
21 Act and regulations issued hereunder.

22 (j) "Recreational Vehicle" means a vehicular-type unit,
23 primarily designed as temporary living quarters for
24 recreational, camping or travel use, which either has its own
25 motive power or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle. The
26 basic entities are: travel trailer, camping trailer, truck

1 camper, motor home and park model home.

2 (k) "Dependent Recreational Vehicle" means one that is
3 dependent upon a service building for toilet and lavatory
4 facilities.

5 (l) "Self-contained Recreational Vehicle" means one that
6 can operate independent of connections to sewer, water and
7 electric systems. It contains a water flush toilet, lavatory,
8 and kitchen sink, all of which are connected to water storage
9 and sewage holding tanks, located within the trailer.

10 (m) "Applicant" means any person making application for a
11 license or permit.

12 (n) "Owner" means the person in whose name legal title to
13 the property is recorded, unless the property is held in land
14 trust in which case the owner is the holder of beneficial
15 title.

16 (o) "Licensee" means any individual having a license or
17 permit under this Act, or any member of a firm, partnership, or
18 association to which the license is issued under this Act and
19 any corporation having a license under this Act.

20 (p) "Campground" means a recreational area where 3 or more
21 tents, cabins, recreational vehicles or other permanent or
22 non-permanent type shelters are erected and maintained for
23 camping or where space is provided for camping, temporary
24 parking of recreational vehicles or placing of such tents,
25 cabins, recreational vehicles or other permanent or
26 non-permanent type shelters of any kind for 10 or more persons

1 for 10 ~~6~~ or more camping days during a calendar year. It shall
2 include any structure, tent, vehicle, enclosure, appurtenances
3 or recreational equipment related to or used or intended for
4 use as a part of such campground and an area upon which no more
5 than 4 mobile homes are located for permanent habitation as
6 defined in the Mobile Home and Mobile Home Park Act.

7 (q) "Operator" means the person who has been designated by
8 the owner as responsible on his behalf for the operation and
9 administration of the premises.

10 (r) "Camping Day" means any 24 hour period or portion
11 thereof during which the participants remain overnight at the
12 site.

13 (s) "Camping" means the act of resting or establishing
14 temporary shelter using a tent, cabin, recreational vehicle or
15 other permanent or non-permanent type shelter erected or
16 placed on an area of land.

17 (Source: P.A. 85-959.)