

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 15, 2024

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1854

5 By: Weaver and Rogers

6 An Act relating to the use of public lands; defining
7 term; prohibiting certain use of public lands;
8 designating certain action as a misdemeanor; allowing
9 for certain process for first violations; providing
10 for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1096 of Title 64, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. As used in this section, "unauthorized camp" means any tent,
16 shelter, or bedding constructed or arranged for the purpose of or in
17 such a way to permit overnight use on a property not designated as a
18 campsite.

19 B. Persons may not use state-owned lands for the purposes of
20 establishing an unauthorized camp.

21 C. Any person who violates the provisions of this section
22 **shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a**
23 **fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or by imprisonment in the**
24 **county jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or by both such fine**

1 **and imprisonment.** However, a person who commits a first violation
2 of this section shall be issued a warning, and a citation may not be
3 issued unless the person refuses any assistance offered to them by
4 the arresting officer. Such assistance may include, but is not
5 limited to, transportation to a shelter, food pantry, or other place
6 where resources are made available to assist the indigent and
7 homeless.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT
10 February 15, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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